

HOME NEWS

Mrs Thatcher says 'frightened men' in Cabinet want election postponed to next year

From David Wood
Glasgow

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Leader of the Opposition, last night said "five frightened men" are pressing the Prime Minister not to hold an autumn general election.

She said that they were Mr Michael Foot, the Leader of the House of Commons, Mr Merlyn Rees, the Home Secretary, Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, Mr Denis Healey, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr Roy Hattersley, the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Affairs.

She told a rally of Glasgow Young Conservatives that those were the Cabinet ministers who were afraid of facing the electorate. She added that Mr Healey had a vested interest in upholding an election, because he was responsible for an economic policy that had placed more than a million and a half people on the dole; if the election took place in October, he would join the unemployment queue.

Earlier at Melrose Mrs Thatcher said that the four main issues apart from unemployment, on which the general election will be fought by the Conservative Party.

The first was taxation "in the knowledge that you have created a wealth which you can distribute it". The second was law and order, because "I find wherever I go this is an issue; you cannot have a strong people who are frightened of the law". The third was defence, because "I find wherever I go this is an issue; you cannot have a strong people who are frightened of the law".

Mrs Thatcher, having said there would be three issues, then added a fourth: "I find wherever I go this is an issue; you cannot have a strong people who are frightened of the law".

The Conservative Party offered, she went on, a splendid programme of belief that could not be compromised. By cynical pacts because people

Mr Callaghan holds secret talks with TUC leaders

From Paul Routledge
Labour Editor
Brighton

The Prime Minister last night held secret talks with senior TUC leaders in an effort to cement their electoral alliance.

Mr Callaghan entertained the union men at a private dinner party at his farmhouse near Ringmer, Sussex, three days before he addresses delegates to the TUC conference in Brighton.

Staff at 10 Downing St declined to give details of the discussions, insisting it was a private occasion, and guest lists were not available. But the two sides were thought to have talked about the economic cooperation in the run-up to the forthcoming general election.

Mr Len Murray, joint secretary of the TUC, Mr David Bannister, TUC chairman, Lord Alton of Liverpool, general secretary of the shop and workers' leader and chairman of the TUC economic committee, Mr Mosley Evans, of the transport workers, Mr Hugh Scanlon, of the engineers, and Mr Geoffrey France, general secretary of the town hall white-collar union, Nalco, were understood to be at the dinner.

That there are still gaps in the mutual understanding between the Cabinet and the unions over economic policy is clear from a forthright statement today by the Transport and General Workers' Union

Subsidies not saving jobs, Sir Keith says

By Our Political Editor

The Prime Minister's claim to have rescued, even temporarily, several hundred thousand jobs through government subsidies is false, Sir Keith Joseph maintains in the second of a series of statements on employment, published today.

Sir Keith Joseph, opposition spokesman on industry, states: "First, they are certainly rescuing some identified jobs, but only at the expense of unidentified other jobs, which are 'displaced' either in rival firms which are unsubsidized or elsewhere in the economy, where they carry the cost of financing the subsidies.

These subsidies have to be paid for. They are paid for by higher taxation or higher borrowing or more printing than would otherwise take place. Any combination of these expedients reduces living power and destroys jobs. You cannot save Peter without sacrificing Paul, and possibly Paul's mate or assistant as well.

The analysis here, that job-rescue subsidies are not merely misdirected, but are also counterproductive, is the real effect of the job losses caused by job-rescue. But it is Christopher Tugendhat, one of the European Commissioners, speaking in Strasbourg on February 16, 1978:

"Reliable British sources estimate the displacement effect of the Temporary Employment Subsidy at some 50 per cent, that is to say for every job kept alive one job will be lost or not created in non-subsidized firms."

British Aerospace presses to join airbus consortium

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

British Aerospace renewed its case yesterday to be allowed to become members of the European Airbus consortium.

In a statement issued in London, it said that its resources could make a significant contribution to the European commercial aircraft grouping "and could help to ensure that in this sector of the business, it develops into one of the decisive groups which will emerge in the Western world during the remainder of the century."

This appeal by the nationalized aircraft industry was directed at the French Government which, in the past few days, has made it clear that Britain will not be invited to join the consortium making the A300 family of airliners under the Airbus plan.

But the French have been told by the British Government that there is no immediate chance of British Airways taking the B10 into its fleet after

Dockers end strike after safety pledge

Dockers at Southampton decided at a mass meeting yesterday to end their eight-day strike over safety procedures, and started clearing the backlog of cargo.

Mr Ritchie Pearce, the dockers' chairman, said the strike had been about safety procedures in the wider context and not simply about spots of oil on the ladder of a container-moving machine.

The 1,900 men had also won assurances about the future from the British Transport Docks Board, he added. That had enabled the shop stewards to recommend that the strike should end.

Mr Dennis Noddings, deputy port director at Southampton, said: "This was a needless dispute, the men have lost wages and the port's reputation has suffered."

Television heads respond to 'new censorship' claims

From Michael Church
Edinburgh

Bad language is one of the BBC's main editorial difficulties, Mr Alasdair Milne, managing director of BBC 1, told the Edinburgh International Television Festival yesterday.

The meetings at which BBC representatives faced the public, dwell more on the language in programmes than anything else.

Mr Milne was responding to suggestions by writers and directors that new restrictions had been introduced. Mr Eric Pace, a representative of the Writers' Guild, had suggested at an earlier session on censorship that the BBC's attitude indicated that it was "running scared" and could be moving into a dark age.

Mr Kenneth Trodd, the producer of *Pennies From Heaven*, said that so-called bad language could not be overlooked entirely but that we were seeing "a desperate appeasement of the petty bourgeois demagogue represented by Mrs Thatcher."

"I think there would be plenty of goodwill from writers if they believed the broadcasting authorities had any reciprocal feeling for the nuances of language, any sympathy that occasional outrage in new and bold writing must be protected and fought for, that nerves

Farmers told to kill hens as egg supply melts

By Hugh Clayton
Agricultural Correspondent

Farmers were told yesterday that the only way to check the growth of the egg surplus was to kill thousands of hens. This claim to have lost as much as 12p a dozen since the last heavy price cuts in mid-August.

Eggs to size two, one of the largest and most popular of the new EEC sizes, cost 53p a dozen in price, almost 60p in January. The advice about slaughtering was issued after a unanimous vote by the five producer organizations on the producer advisory committee of the Eggs Authority.

It said in a cautious statement that farmers should be encouraged to bring forward the normal depletion age of their stocks.

It called for an immediate survey of ways to match supply and demand and to avoid the consequent fall in price.

If hens are killed earlier than planned, egg prices will rise. But the committee claimed that shoppers would

Boy's £50,000 win

A premium bond given as a present to David Wright, aged 12, of Mountstevens Avenue, Peterborough, has won him the £50,000 weekly prize. He wants to buy a toy motorcycle worth £1.

Britain wins key junior bridge match

By Our Bridge Correspondent

In the key match to the district championship at Southampton, Britain beat Greece 16-4, Norway 13-5, Poland 15-1 in rounds 13 to 15.

Nardin and Sir J. Lodge played brilliantly after an even first half, to the second half Britain took enough points for a 20-0 victory from the erstwhile league leaders.

Two more tough matches remain against Austria and Belgium, but a lead of 32 points should ensure a first victory for Britain to these championships. Leading positions after 16 rounds:

1. Sweden 201; 2. Germany 194; 3. France 178; 4. Poland 174; 5. Greece 158; 6. Spain 152.

Exchange of letters between Lonrho, Sir Harold Wilson and the inquiry

3rd April, 1978

The Rt Hon Sir Harold Wilson, NC, OBE, FRS, MP, 10, Downing Street, London, SW1.

Dear Sir Harold

Yesterday I listened in the BBC4 programme at 10 pm, *The World This Week*, which contained an interview with you.

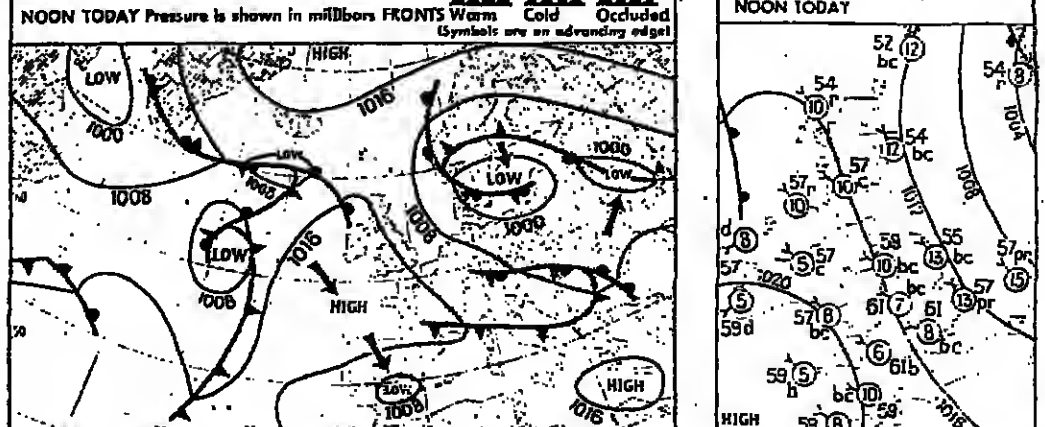
You opened with some comments on the American spokesman on African affairs, and went on to say that the United States had not during your presidency been particularly helpful over sanctions against Rhodesia. To Mr Gordon Clough's comment that "Apart from cracking Andrew Young you seem to have very little of the whole course of American policy over the last 10 or 11 years" you answered:

"Well, they were a great disappointment. They didn't play ball with us on sanctions. Of course, if de Gaulle hadn't cheated by leading all the petron via South Africa, through Lourenco Marques, probably the whole thing would have ended very quickly indeed, but they didn't put pressure on de Gaulle to deal with that and they themselves broke the chrome sanction which is absolutely vital to the illegal regime keeping going."

Which clearly implies that sanctions against Sir Harold would, nevertheless, have been successful, but for General de Gaulle, giving the impression that the French were the ruin of a well-meaning but misguided British policy.

I think you will agree that any such impression would be a non-sensical, rather than a non-indiscreetly cut and this gave rise to such an extraordinary impression in the House, that I would naturally be interested

Weather forecast and recordings



Today	Tomorrow
Sun rises: 6.14 am Sun sets: 7.46 pm Moon rises: 5.57 am Moon sets: 7.33 pm	Sun rises: 6.16 am Sun sets: 7.43 pm Moon rises: 7.02 am Moon sets: 7.37 pm
New moon: 5.09 pm Lighting up: 8.16 pm to 5.46 am High water: London Bridge, 2.37 am, 6.5m (22.4ft); 2.51 pm, 6.9m (22.7ft); Ayrmouth, 8.01 am, 12.1m (40.0ft); 8.10 pm, 12.6m (41.5ft); Dover, 12.05 pm, 6.4m (21.1ft); Hull, 6.46 am, 7.1m (23.2ft); 7.18 pm, 7.1m (23.2ft); Liverpool, 12.06 pm, 8.5m (28.0ft).	First quarter: September 10. Lighting up: 6.13 am to 3.47 am. High water: London Bridge, 3.09 am, 7.0m (22.9ft); 3.22 pm, 7.1m (23.2ft); Ayrmouth, 8.35 am, 12.7m (41.6ft); 8.45 pm, 12.8m (42.2ft); Dover, 12.16 am, 6.4m (20.9ft); 12.35 pm, 6.6m (21.6ft); Hull, 7.21 am, 7.2m (23.5ft); 7.52 pm, 7.2m (23.5ft); Liverpool, 12.19 am, 9.0m (29.7ft); 12.36 pm, 9.0m (29.7ft).

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HOME NEWS

Judge urges a short, sharp shock on young offenders to counter the leniency that breeds crime

From Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent
Cambridge

A short, sharp shock in tough attendance centres was suggested for young offenders by Lord Justice Lawton, a Court of Appeal judge, yesterday. The extensively lenient sentencing policy of recent years was a main cause of the increase in juvenile crime, he felt.

Addressing the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools conference in Cambridge, Sir Frederick Lawton said that he was not advocating a return to approved or reform schools. Putting delinquent youngsters for months among others of the same propensities was unlikely to be of value, and the cost was appalling anyway.

Still less was he suggesting a restoration of corporal punishment. Whatever merits it might have in schools, judicial corporal punishment was altogether different because of the inevitable delays to allow for appeal.

More penalties of the attendance centre kind were needed, not merely for a couple of hours on a Saturday afternoon, but for a long weekend or up to 14 days.

Elaborate buildings would not be required; disused army camps would serve the purpose. Living conditions should be Spartan, discipline strict, and the boys made to undertake hard, physical work, such as building, he said.

Such a suggestion was likely to be described by sociologists as old-fashioned and non-constructive in that it would encourage toughness and generate admiration for those who could take it. But 42 years of dealing with criminals led him to believe that while outwardly expressing admiration, boys would be deciding inwardly to

do all they could to avoid such an experience.

Sir Frederick believed that nonsense had been spoken by sociologists, psychiatrists and criminologists about the cause for the great increase in crime, with the result that penal theories put into practice had blunted the law's teeth.

"If and when a new Edward Gibbon comes to write the *Decline and Fall of the British Empire*, he will well include the last chapter 'The Age of Compassionate Fools'," he said.

The British had allowed idealism to override common sense. Theories had been put into effect without regard to experience. So-called reforms had been started without the resources to make them work, particularly in the administration of justice.

"We have all been so concerned, to our credit, with the plight of the deprived, the imbalance and the inadequate, that we have neglected the needs of the very much larger numbers of those who require nothing more than a sharp lesson that bad behaviour results in unpleasant consequences; and that, all too often, they do not get it."

Legislation, sociology and psychiatry had taken over. In the past a policeman who caught a youngster in the act of vandalism cuffed him and took him to his parents, who would give him a thrashing.

"Now both public opinion and the law forbid policemen to lay hands on young louts, and parents with delinquent children tend either to blame the police for their wrongdoings or to turn to the social services and psychiatry for help."

Before the juvenile courts, social inquiry or psychiatric reports were made; fines might be imposed; care and supervision orders might be made; or

detention orders up to six months could be made, although few were made on those under 16 because of shortage of space.

"I doubt very much whether any of these sentences (detention and probation orders apart) make any impression on the kind of louts who are brought before the juvenile courts on charges of criminal damage and violence."

Sir Frederick attributed the increase in crime to the abandonment of moral standards handed down through the Christian religion and Western culture, a reluctance to impose discipline, and misguided penal theories.

The benefits of ensuring that the young were taught traditional standards could be seen in comparing the crimes of the Jewish, Muslim and Hindu immigrants. All insisted on discipline within the family and made sure that their children could distinguish right from wrong, he said.

More locked up: The Howard League for Penal Reform said last night that in applying these sentences were too lenient, the facts were against Lord Justice Lawton.

The number of young adults sent to prison, hospitals and detention centres has more than doubled from 6,430 in 1961 to 15,111 in 1977, it said.

For juveniles, aged 14 to 16, there has been a sevenfold increase in the number locked up from 970 in 1961 to 6,957 in 1977, a much greater increase than the number of convictions.

Sentences were probably one of the least factors affecting crime, it said. Lord Justice Lawton is right about two things: shorter sentences would do less harm than long ones, and the key to the problem lies in society.

WEST EUROPE AND OVERSEAS

Armchair Cabinet takes stock in France

From Ian Murray
Paris, Sept. 1

The French Government sat round in easy chairs in the Chateau de Rambouillet today discussing the state of the world in general and the state of France in particular. With President Giscard d'Estaing comfortably installed on a sofa at the end of the Meridien Salon and his ministers grouped round him in a semicircle, the way was prepared for France to get back to work after the two-month summer break.

This is the third such get-together at Rambouillet this year and is billed as the most informal so far. The ministers were supposed to come without any dossiers, although the Minister of Justice was seen arriving with one—and without any staff.

During the morning they listened to the President's views on the world situation and the particular problems facing France. The most pressing of these is unemployment and it seems likely that measures will be worked out to try to deal with it.

Unemployment in France stands at 1,240,000 and the end of the holiday period means that hundreds of thousands of youngsters will be added to the labour market.

Mr Raymond Barre, the Prime Minister, was given the chance during the afternoon to outline economic and social policies and problems. It was left to a session over the dinner table this evening to discuss politics, presumably to the belief that this is the best atmosphere for the kind of frank discussion needed by good government.

The meeting is to end after lunch tomorrow. The working session in the morning is to be more formal, with junior ministers taking part in plotting more precisely the policy for the year.

The employment issue is underlined by the political gamble the President has taken in inviting M. Robert Fabre, former leader of the Left Radical Party, to head a study on the subject. M. Fabre, who has been severely criticised for his role in considering the job at all, is to meet the President at the Elysee Palace again on Monday.

The immediate measures being considered to create jobs include cutting working hours for part-time workers, creating part-time opportunities for women, and introducing tax incentives on overtime. Regional plans to help depressed areas and industries are also being worked out.

President Giscard d'Estaing's informal get-togethers are held in April, April 1975, a second in April last year and now he has held three in a single year.

The Government may have read the results of an opinion poll in yesterday's edition of *Figaro*, which showed that 57 per cent of French people were pessimistic about the future of the country, and only 29 per cent optimistic.

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Denmark without some papers as strike spreads

Copenhagen, Sept. 1—Denmark's main daily newspapers failed to appear, mail was delayed and dustbins went unemptied today as industrial action spread to the press.

A Soviet strike against the economic policies of the country's two-day-old coalition Cabinet.

An estimated 10,000 workers, mainly in the heavy engineering industry, went on strike yesterday after the Social Democratic Liberal Government proposed a five-month price and profit freeze and a two per cent increase in value-added tax in 20 per cent.

Printing workers at the main newspapers decided to join the heavy engineering strikers last night. Today post office workers in some Copenhagen districts

declared a 24-hour strike and dustbins halted collection services for the day. Further strikes are expected.

Mr Joergensen, the Prime Minister and leader of the Social Democratic Party, appeared to have opened a wide rift in relations with the trade unions and his plans for a conference on incomes policy for next year could be threatened.

The Social Democratic dominated unions fear the measures could reduce real incomes and lead to a loss of confidence in the government.

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Red Cross reports recapture of rebel city by Somoza forces

Managua, Sept. 1—National Guards stormed into Managua in the north of Nicaragua during the night and overwhelmed young rebels who had held the city for five days in an uprising against the Government of President Anastasio Somoza, Red Cross officials said today.

Señor Guillermo Balmaceda of the Red Cross office in Managua said Red Cross workers in Managua had reported many wounded and exact numbers were not available. The Red Cross had sent five ambulances to Managua to bring out the wounded.

Señor Balmaceda said the Guard was now in total control of Managua, where the rebels supporting the national strike against the Government had pinned down a National Guard squadron. Telephone operators said the lines to Managua had been cut.

National Guard units moved into the city against the rebels yesterday, but the attack bogged down after advancing only a few hundred yards.

The five days of street fighting, which church representatives tried in vain to stop, resulted in at least 21 dead and 100 injured.

Managua, the capital, protesters attacked a National Guard station and patrol last night with home-made bombs, wounding one guard, eyewitnesses said. Buses were set on fire and handbikes went up in the working-class suburbs.

Demonstrations and shootings were reported in other towns. Attacks on buses led transport owners to announce that they would join the strike from tomorrow.

Peter Calvert, *Reuters* correspondent, sent this report on conditions in Managua before the final assault:

The stench of death hung over the desolate, rubbish-strewn streets of Managua as National Guards crunched in doorways fighting a vicious battle with rebel snipers firing from the rooftops.

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Hope of breaking deadlock in social workers' strike

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

A development in the dispute that has brought 700 social workers out on strike may come next week. The controlling Labour group on Lewisham council, south-east London, will meet on Wednesday to decide whether to allow the strike to continue.

The social workers are seeking local negotiations and regarding in line with the official policy of the National and Local Government Officers' Association (NALGO) whose emergency committee is expected to meet soon to discuss the strike.

The committee will consider the strike on a one-day strike on September 27.

At least 30 branches of NALGO are attempting to negotiate local deals on social workers' pay.

Mr Norman Smith, chairman of the Lewisham establishment committee, has indicated that he is willing to negotiate locally with social workers' pay but along the National Joint Whiteley Council has told local authorities that they can negotiate only within the limits of a national pay offer he is seeking support from his colleagues.

So far, all authorities have stood firm in refusing local negotiations.

The legal barrier to the open sale of contraceptives in the Irish Republic is to be challenged in the High Court in Dublin.

A firm established especially to import and distribute family planning devices is taking the action after Irish customs stopped a £3,500 consignment of contraceptives from crossing the border and sent them back to Belfast marked "subject to prohibition".

Rights of patients in White Paper

By a Staff Reporter

A White Paper setting out the Government's views on the legal rights of hospital patients, particularly those suffering from mental illness, is to be published on September 12. The White Paper, awaited for more than a year, is part of a wider review of the Mental Health Act, 1959.

Mr Roland Kaye, Minister of State for the Department of Health and Social Security, told a deputation from the Citizens' Commission on Human Rights on Thursday that the White Paper would have "green edges".

The commission, which is chaired by the Lord of Science, has been campaigning for several years against the use of electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) in psychiatric hospitals.

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Three members of one family are given bail

Three children of Mr John Cordie, the former Conservative MP for Bournemouth, East, were remanded on bail after being charged with burglary, theft and attempted burglary charges.

Rupert Cordie, aged 19, a landscape gardener, of Victoria Grove, Kensington, and his sister, Marina, aged 18, a model of Sloane Court West, Chelsea, are charged with attempting to enter the flat of a Mrs Weeks, next door to Miss Cordie, as trespassers with intent to steal.

Mr Cordie is also charged with burglary at the same flat involving jewelry valued at £4,000 from Mrs Weeks.

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Monsoon session washout for Janata programme

From Our Own Correspondent
Delhi, Sept. 1

This year's monsoon session of the Indian Parliament has proved well named for the Janata Government: its legislative programme has been largely a washout.

As the session ended last night the combined opposition parties in the Rajya Sabha, the Upper House, rejected five key clauses of the Government's forty-fourth constitutional amendment Bill.

The most important clause struck down provided for the possibility of a referendum on issues touching on the basic structure of the constitution.

The Government now has to wait until the winter session, beginning in November, and will have to decide whether to agree to the emasculated Bill as amended by the Upper House, where the opposition commands a majority, or to start the whole parliamentary fight again.

The Bill was passed unanimously through the Lok Sabha (Lower House) last month. The two Congress factions in the Upper House were evidently using this Bill to take their revenge for the Prime Minister's refusal to accept the August 10 resolution which demanded that a parliamentary committee be set up to examine graft allegations against his son.

The Janata Government has been troubled during the session by frequent indiscipline from prominent Janata MPs. Earlier this week it had to withdraw, in face of their opposition, another important Bill to stop floor crossing in the Lok Sabha.

Yesterday the much heralded industrial relations Bill ran into such stiff opposition from Janata MPs close to the trade unions that it was referred immediately to a joint select committee.

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Russia rules out nuclear danger in aircraft wreck

Oslo, Sept. 1—There was no threat of radioactive radiation from the Soviet military aircraft that crashed on the Arctic island of Hopen, Spitzbergen, on Monday, the Soviet Union said today. It was replying to Norwegian questions on whether nuclear weapons were on board.

A Soviet request to take part in rescue operations was turned down by Norwegian authorities on the grounds that the bodies of all seven crew members had been recovered. Norway has ordered that the wreckage be guarded.

The Soviet Union has not identified the type of aircraft, but military experts believed it was a Tupolev Tu 16, a large combined bomber and surveillance craft.—Agence France-Press.

Foreign visitors to India often wonder what the inhabitants think of the poverty they live in or see around them. The Indian Institute of Public Opinion conducted a survey last autumn in the four main cities and has now come up with some illuminating answers.

Entitled *Perception of Poverty*, the survey reveals that the inhabitants of the most prosperous cities, Bombay and Delhi, tend to identify simple causes for the poor being poor, while the two less prosperous, Calcutta and Madras, sense more complex social causes.

In Delhi and Bombay more than 40 per cent named alcoholism and more than 30 per cent

Tokyo prepares to cope with earthquake

Tokyo, Sept. 1—Nearly 200,000 of Tokyo's 13 million population took part in a massive anti-earthquake drill today, the fifty-fifth anniversary of the great Kanto earthquake that flattened wide areas of the capital.

Authorities fear that another tremor could hit Tokyo at any time. The 1923 upheaval killed almost 140,000 people.

Today's drill involved simulated attacks by helicopter, and a fleet of small boats. Doctors, firemen, policemen and troops, as well as passers-by took part. Similar exercises were carried out in the central Japanese city of Nagoya, which is also considered likely to be hit by a powerful earthquake at any time.—Reuters.

Business as causing poverty. In contrast to these rather Victorian attitudes, 64 per cent of those questioned in Madras said inadequate agricultural and industrial development, caused poverty, and 87 per cent of those questioned in Calcutta held that society itself was to blame, identifying unemployment as a main factor.

The poll sampled the entire social scale including only the poorest of the urban poor. The researchers were struck by the almost complete absence of the customary "don't know" in reply to their questions.

The survey found that less than 10 per cent of those questioned on a national average thought that malnutrition which is a conservative estimate

Bikini radiation forces removal of islanders

From David Cross
Washington, Sept. 1

The 140 or so inhabitants of the tiny American-administered island of Bikini in the Pacific arrived at a United States missile base on Kwajalein today after evacuation by ship from the atoll, which is still contaminated by nuclear radiation.

Reporting in his headquarters in Washington, Mr. Adrian Winkel, the High Commissioner for the United States trust territory, said that all of Bikini's inhabitants were spending the day on the island of Kwajalein shopping and sightseeing. The American authorities have given them \$100 (\$50) each for various purchases.

They are expected to leave Kwajalein this weekend on board the American Government vessel *Micro-pilot* for Kili Island, some 360 miles from Bikini, where most of them will be resettled. Five families have refused to stay on Kili and will be settled temporarily on a neighbouring island called Jaluit.

It is the second time since the Second World War that the Bikini islanders have been displaced. In 1946 they were moved to Kili so that the United States could use Bikini for atomic tests.

They were allowed to return home in 1968, but a new survey commissioned recently found that dangerous radiation is still present. The evacuation is well overdue, temporary, but it is unclear how long the radiation will last.

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Eight-month jail sentence on Charter 77 man

From Our Correspondent
Vienna, Sept. 1

The Rev Jan Simer, a 54-year-old Protestant clergyman, has been sentenced to eight months in jail on a charge of obstructing the Czechoslovak police in the course of their duties.

Mr Simer, a member of the Charter 77 dissident movement, was arrested in June when police searched his home just before the visit to Prague and Bratislava of President Brezhnev.

During the search police found a letter from Professor Jan Patocka, the philosopher and Charter 77 spokesman who died in March, 1977, after a police interrogation. Mr Simer's wife was struck by a policeman when she tried to conceal the letter and was attempted to defend her.

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OVERSEAS

President Sadat to submit detailed peace plan at summit

Cairo, Sept. 1.—President Anwar Sadat will present a detailed plan for a Middle East settlement at next week's Camp David summit meeting with the leaders of the United States and Israel, Egyptian Foreign Ministry sources said today.

The plan would maintain Egypt's position calling for full Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories, but would spell out how this withdrawal would be carried out and what security arrangements would be needed for all parties in the region.

Commenting on reports that President Carter might propose at the summit some form of international peacekeeping force in the area to back up a settlement, one source said: "Egypt sees that the best guarantee is good neighbourly relations and not a foreign military presence."

The semi-official newspaper *Al-Ahram* reported today that Egypt's detailed peace plan would be based on the points submitted by Egypt when the Foreign Ministers of Egypt, Israel and the United States met at Leeds Castle in Kent in July.

Egypt's proposals, rejected by Israel during those talks, included the return of the West Bank to Jordan and the Gaza Strip to Egyptian administration for a transitional period not exceeding five years. At the end of that period the Palestinians would be able to determine their own future.

Egyptian officials said they considered the Camp David summit a good chance "to express Israeli frustration" in the world as well as to Jewish opinion in the United States.

Another official said the meeting would be the last chance for peace in the Middle East.

David Gross writes from Washington: A dispute between American and Israeli officials over how much information should be made public, and by whom, from the Camp David meeting has illustrated the sensitivity of the three nations that will be represented at the conference.

The Americans, apparently supported by the Egyptians,

have long believed that a virtual news blackout of the discussions should be maintained to prevent politically motivated leaks that could mar the atmosphere. Mr. Jody Powell, President Carter's spokesman, insists he should be solely responsible for giving the press daily summaries of what has been said.

The Israelis, however, wanted their Government spokesman to be at the briefings to answer questions. This idea was rejected by American officials for fear that journalists might try to play one spokesman off against another in the search for information.

In the absence of more weighty subjects during the run-up to the conference, which opens at the presidential retreat in Maryland next Tuesday, the warlike has dominated American press previews of the conference for the past 24 hours or so. But it now seems to have been solved after a meeting between Mr. Powell and his Israeli counterpart last night.

The Americans seem to have persuaded the Israelis that Mr. Powell should be responsible for relating news to the media, but that spokesmen for the other two delegations might take part occasionally if necessary.

It appears that Mr. Powell will be handing out advance material on the summit daily at a makeshift press centre in a veterans' hall in Thurmont, a small town close to Camp David.

Mr. Powell and President Carter today met his senior foreign policy advisers to discuss final tactics for the talks over a working breakfast. A formal meeting of the National Security Council has also been planned to continue preparations and consider the overall Middle East situation, including the deterioration in Lebanon.

Senior American officials are continuing to emphasise that no great breakthroughs are expected from Camp David.

The Soviet Union and Syria today jointly condemned the forthcoming summit, describing it as "a dangerous distraction" by the three parties to the conflict.

partial, separate deals for an all-embracing settlement in the Middle East. —Reuter.

Men who could feed a free Zimbabwe may go Rhodesia's front-line farmers face season of harsh decision

From Nicholas Ashford Salisbury, Sept. 1

The next few weeks will be critical for Rhodesian agriculture, the backbone of the country's economy. Winter is over and the spring rains will start in November. Before then the farmers have to decide whether to invest in seeds, fertilizers and equipment for next year's harvest, or to hold back because of the deteriorating security situation and the political uncertainties that lie ahead.

Their decision will be vital for the future of an independent Zimbabwe. If a substantial number of them decide not to plant, or worse, to leave the land, the new nation could find itself transformed from being a food exporter to one which has to rely on international handouts, like so many of its neighbours.

Rhodesia relies for most of its food on about 5,900 white farmers. They not only produce about four-fifths of agricultural output, but the surplus are used to feed the majority of Rhodesia's blacks who live in the over-populated and under-productive tribal lands.

Yet throughout the country white farmers are under constant attack. Almost every week official communiques announce that more farmers have been murdered. Farms are regularly coming under machine gun and

rocket fire, their barns and equipment destroyed. The farmers risk being ambushed or blown up by landmines and, in many cases, their labourers have been forced to leave by the guerrillas, leaving the farmers to tend several thousand acres almost single-handed.

In some border areas tens of thousands of head of cattle have been lost either through stock-theft or because of a breakdown of cattle control.

White farmers protect their homesteads with wire fencing, floodlights and alarm systems, and drive mine-proofed vehicles, many have sent their families to live in towns. But there is a limit to their endurance and courage, and many are now beginning to question whether it is worth while staying on.

According to Mr. Denis Norman, president of the Rhodesian National Farmers' Union, there has so far been no marked withdrawal of white farmers, apart from a few areas of marginal land. But he admits that an awful lot of heart-searching is going on.

It is imperative that this whole business be sorted out within a few months," he says. Farming requires confidence in the future. If that disappeared, "our farming industry, which is one of the most efficient in the

world and which has taken years to build up, could be destroyed."

One farmer in Headlands, east of Salisbury, told me of a typical weekend: two ambushes, one on his car, one on his land mine and one withdrawal of farm labour. None of the incidents was reported. Another farmer said: "The guerrillas are everywhere. They go into the compounds and threaten the farm labourers, telling them to clear out or be killed."

The Rhodesian authorities believe that guerrilla strategy is aimed at destroying order, making it impossible for the present transitional Government to retain power. The white farming community is being singled out not only because of its economic importance, but also because of its role in maintaining security in rural areas.

Last month the Government voted additional funds and aid to help farmers buy armoured vehicles and security devices, and establish local militia.

But Mr. Norman, while welcoming the assistance, says that it is only a short-term palliative. "Unless we can find a political solution that will stop the war we have got a real problem," he says.

That is something which is out of the farmers' hands.

Hua visit to Iran ends without communiqué

From Tony Allaway Tehran, Sept. 1

Iran and China, showing a somewhat uncharacteristic sensitivity towards opinion in the Soviet Union, maintained a diplomatic silence on the visit of Chairman Hua Guofeng.

After another lavish ceremony at Tehran's Mehrabad airport, Chairman Hua left for Peking today at the end of a 16-day three-nation journey that has considerably irked Moscow.

From his aircraft, the Chinese leader hailed the Shah to express his heartfelt thanks for a visit which "has been very fruitful". He arrived back in Peking tonight.

But just how fruitful the visit was is just what is being said. To the surprise of diplomatic observers no communiqué was issued at the end of the visit and a scheduled press conference with the Chinese leader did not take place.

Informal sources said the silence represented deference on the Chinese part to Iranian sensitivities over its relations with the Soviet Union.

The Iranians did not want to issue a communiqué containing any antagonistic references to the Soviet Union and it was agreed to have no formal declaration on the visit at all, the sources added.

Front-line leaders meet in Lusaka

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Waiting at Lusaka airport, President Kaunda told reporters that he had not heard about any meeting and added that the nationalists, Salisbury were "always welcome."

In a vehement denial, Mr. Nkomo said: "You can forget all about it. It is totally untrue."

The five Presidents were to meet at the Lusaka state lodge, about twelve miles outside the capital, where they were expected to meet Mr. Nkomo and Mr. Mugabe.

Over the past few months, Mr. Nkomo and Mr. Mugabe have grown less willing to compromise. With the tide of the bush war moving firmly in their favour, the two men have had little incentive to talk.

Serious pressure from the front-line leaders, who are growing impatient with the protracted conflict, could force them to relent. The five countries provide the bases and political support without which the guerrilla war would grind to a halt.

It appears that Mr. Nkomo may be more prepared to reach a final agreement to end the war than his colleagues.

Earlier this week, Mr. Smith reiterated his view that Mr. Nkomo's return to Salisbury, and Britain is known to have made a concerted effort in February to include him in the Salisbury accord, with or without Mr. Mugabe.

Mr. Nkomo's return to Salisbury is certain to obtain a top post—if not the chairmanship of the Executive Council. Such a role, while not resolving the issue of control of the armed forces, is basically what he has been seeking all along and would put him in an excellent position to win the Presidency of an independent Zimbabwe.

It is doubtful that Mr. Mugabe's prize would be so substantial. A Marxist regarded with suspicion by the Rhodesians, he might find himself at the bottom end of the national hierarchy inside the country. It is Mr. Mugabe, then, on whom the Presidents will concentrate their efforts.

If the Patriotic Front leaders eventually consent to such a plan, sources say, the agreement would be ratified at an all-party conference under the auspices of the Anglo-American proposals.

One source would remain: there is no guarantee that the internally based leaders—Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole and Chief Jeremiah Chirau—will agree to have Mr. Nkomo as their head of state.

Our Nairobi Correspondent writes: Mr. Andrew Young, American representative at the United Nations, today denied knowledge of an agreement by Mr. Smith to bring Mr. Nkomo into the Rhodesian Government.

Mr. Young, who also said he was not aware of Mr. Smith attending any meeting in Salisbury, said that the Rhodesians have been told that we have got to include everybody before there can be an end to the fighting and peace in Rhodesia.

Dr. David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, had no comment to make on the report to London. While in Nairobi, he took the opportunity to confer with his senior official, Mr. John Graham, who has been trying to persuade the Rhodesians to accept the idea, but it is not clear that Bishop Muzorewa's supporters are now spreading in favour of a conference.

Kenyatta successor to be chosen on October 6

From Charles Harrison Nairobi, Sept. 1

The ruling Kenya African National Union (KANU) is to call a special delegates meeting on October 6 to choose Kenya's next President.

This was announced today by the acting President, Mr. Daniel Arap Moi, in the Cabinet room of State House here. He also pledged that he and his Government would continue the policies of President Kenyatta, who was buried yesterday.

Mr. Moi, the former Vice-President, assumed the office of President for 90 days at the death of President Kenyatta and elections for a new President must be held within that period. Thirty days of mourning for the late President are now in progress, and the date of the KANU meeting has been fixed for that time and he will be called upon to resign.

In his message to Kenyans today Mr. Moi congratulated them on their calm and sober conduct since Mr. Kenyatta's death. He said the nation

could not afford the "destructive forces" of tribalism, tribalism and personality cults. He pledged that he and his Government would continue to uphold the law and the constitution, and he referred specifically to any attempt to bend any law to suit a few individuals.

The law would be strictly followed in filling the office of President. "KANU's constitution provides clear machinery for arriving at party decisions," he added. He referred specifically to a single presidential candidate, and not to several candidates, indicating that the intention was for KANU to choose a candidate who would automatically be declared elected.

The next 80 days—the remainder of the interim President's period of office—would be crucial to the continuation of peace and stability in Kenya, and to the success of the KANU process.

On behalf of the Cabinet, Mr. Mwai Kibaki, the Finance Minister, made a formal declaration of loyalty and support to President Moi.

In brief

S Africa's Boss becomes a Don

Johannesburg, Sept. 1.—South Africa's Bureau of State Security has changed its name, apparently to get away from its unfortunate acronym which has become a national joke. In future the organization will be known as the Department of National Security (Dons).

Already a new series of jokes is beginning to make the rounds, with the *Rand Daily Mail* pointing out that "Dons" could suggest heads of Mafia.

Private Nixon visit

Sen Clemente, Sept. 1.—Mr. Richard Nixon, the former president, will request to make an official visit to Australia, was reported to have been turned down by the Australian Government, will travel there privately, his spokesman said.

Chile's siege measure

Santiago, Sept. 1.—Chile has declared a state of siege and suspended constitutional guarantees in its northern province of El Loa where 11,000 copper mine workers are demanding 50 per cent pay rises.

Carter choice

Washington, Sept. 1.—President Carter has named Mrs. Sarah Weddington a lawyer, as special White House assistant for Women's Affairs. Mrs. Weddington, a feminist, replaces Margaret Constanza, who resigned last month.

Yehudi Menuhin hurt

Geneva, Sept. 1.—Yehudi Menuhin, the violinist, has cancelled concert engagements after twisting his left wrist in a bathroom fall at his hotel.

Moscow trial date

Moscow, Sept. 1.—Mr. Francis Crawford, the American businessman charged with currency offences, said today he had been ordered to stand trial in Moscow next Tuesday.

Black journalist freed after 524 days in jail

From Our Correspondent Johannesburg, Sept. 1

A black journalist has been freed after being held in prison for 524 days without being charged or brought to trial. He is Mr. Joe Tholoe, former president of the Union of Black Journalists and news editor of *The World*, the Johannesburg newspaper for blacks.

Both the union and the newspaper were banned last October in a move against Black Consciousness, ordered by Mr. James Kruger, Minister of Justice and Police.

Mr. Tholoe, who has been held in prison at Howick in Natal province, is expected to start work again for the Post newspaper, being published in Johannesburg in place of *The World*, which is still banned.

He was detained under Section 6 of the Terrorism Act, which empowers the authorities to hold people indefinitely without trial or outside visits, even from lawyers.

Mr. Tholoe, owner of the *New York Post*, blamed the printing unions for the deaths of five city papers and said publishers would now have to consider other, unspecified alternatives. "We do not intend to let this union or Mr. (William) Kibaki (head of the Pressmen's Union) put any of us out of business," he said.

Mr. Kibaki said he had offered a proposal that would save the publishers' \$30m (about £15m) but that the publishers were working against each other.

The publishers of *The New York Times*, the *Daily News* and the *Port* had been hoping that their new offer could lead to a speedy resumption of publication, but on August 9, Mr. Murdoch characterized the publishers' plan as the most generous offer made by publishers to the Pressmen's Union for years. But, he said, Mr. Kennedy had refused to face "our absolute necessity to end feather-bedding. Both sides are still in completely different ballparks."

Namibia plan 'uncertain'

New York, Sept. 1.—Dr. Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, said today that South Africa had "not accepted finally" a Western plan for the independence of South-West Africa (Namibia), and that whether it would lead to a solution remained to be seen.

He gave correspondents that assessment after an hour and a half with members of the Security Council, answering their questions about his report on how the United Nations should help implement the plan.

A British financier, held in Lebanon since last September, has complained that the British Government is making no attempt to have him released. Mr. Sainsbury, who has protested his innocence from the outset, has yet to be brought in trial. Initially his bail was set at £63,000 but was later reduced to £33,000. He says that he has been refused permission to use the value of his shareholding in the bank to meet his bail.

In his letter Mr. Sainsbury says that he has asked the British Embassy in Beirut to demand his release and, his lawyers in Britain have made similar requests to the Government.

The British Government has resisted all demands and are allowing one of their subjects to rot in such intolerable (sic) without lifting a finger to help. I am not asking them to make me innocent only to demand my basic human right," he says in the letter.

Last month, Mr. Frank Judd, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, asked the Lebanese Ambassador in London for a reduction in Mr. Sainsbury's bail. The British Ambassador in Beirut has made approaches on Mr. Sainsbury's behalf but an early resolution of the case seems unlikely since, owing to the security situation, no legal hearing of any kind has taken place in the Lebanese capital since July 1.

SPORT

Athletics

Capes is disqualified for pushing official before shot put final

From Cliff Temple Athletics Correspondent Prague, Sept. 1

On a night when we should have been celebrating the wedge that Tessa Sanderson had put into the Eastern block's domination of the women's events at these European athletics championships by taking the silver medal in the javelin, we instead found ourselves this evening trying to piece together exactly what happened in an incident at the shot put final.

The incident led to the disqualification of Geoffrey Capes, the United Kingdom record holder.

Capes, the Commonwealth gold medalist in Edmonton, was ruled out of tonight's competition before the athletes even got as far as the arena itself for his serious misconduct and unsporting behaviour towards officials in the shot put final.

The 6ft 6in, 26st, Cambridge postman reported to the call room before the event with only one of the two regulation then minutes which have to be worn front and back by all competitors, and although he claimed that he had completed in yesterday's qualification round, he was not allowed to compete in the final.

In his anger and frustration, the 28-year-old Capes shoved at least one Czech official aside. "At a time like that you obviously get aggressive if you want to compete well in the shot put at this level," he said.

He was not alone. The French honorary secretary of the European Athletics Association, commented: "Capes is a premeditated and he should know how to behave."

British officials immediately put in a protest against Capes's disqualification. The finalists who had been warming up in the stadium were called off the field, and the event was delayed while the jury of appeal met. Here the stories diverge. Capes says that he was called off the field by officials being pushed, but they would not accept his apology. Josef Sir, the Hungarian technical judge, said that Capes had apologized.



Tessa Sanderson in action during yesterday's women's javelin event.

for the incident, he would have been disqualified by the jury of appeal, but he did not, and so remained disqualified.

Whatever did happen, the event finally went ahead without the angry Capes and was won by East German, Udo Beyer, with a championship record of 69ft 2in. Although Capes has not been in his best form recently, a repeat of his finest throw this year, 67ft 7in, would have placed him fourth of the 12 finalists tonight.

Miss Sanderson's javelin silver medal, the fourth United Kingdom medal of these championships so far, may be the only one to be won by a British woman in the Kocisko Stadium this week, and came in the face of strong East German opposition. Yet the 22-year-old, 5ft 7in, 11st, typist took the lead in the opening round with a throw of 20ft 8in, and although the champion and record holder, Rudi Fuchs, took an unassailable lead to the second round with 22ft 8in, and improved with her fifth throw to 23ft 11in, European closing strides of his heat by Thursday's 300 metres gold medalist, Olaf Beyer, of East Germany, who seemed right out of it until coming alive with a spirited dash over the last 100 metres.

It didn't matter that the throw was under my British record, because winning medals is what really counts here," a delighted Miss Sanderson said afterwards. There were other good British performances on the chilly evening. Terece Whitehead, with a personal best of 46.35sec, finished fifth in the 400 metres final, not far from what would have been a surprise medal, and Richard Ashton finished just behind him in sixth place with 46.35sec. Brian Hooper, that stalwart of British pole vaulting, produced one of his best performances at this level by finishing joint seventh with a clearance of 17ft 4in, which he negotiated clearly in his first attempt, but 17ft 8in, just beneath his recent national record, was out of his scope. Steven Oday, David Moorcroft and John Robinson qualified for Sunday's 1,500 metres final, but two of their potentially most dangerous rivals, Rudi Fuchs, of West Germany, and Josef Plachy, of Czechoslovakia, got through only as fastest losers. Westinghouse was again the closing strides of his heat by Thursday's 300 metres gold medalist, Olaf Beyer, of East Germany, who seemed right out of it until coming alive with a spirited dash over the last 100 metres.

European championship results yesterday

Men

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100 metres hurdles

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200 metres hurdles

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300 metres hurdles

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400 metres hurdles

FINAL: 1. V. Kabanov (USSR), 6:40.00;

Weekend broadcasting

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SATURDAY

London Weekend

University: Red-	8.50 pm, The Saturday Banquet
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bal Philosophy,	World of Sport. 12.30,
industry. 10.35,	Headline. 1.15, News. 1.20, The
11.00, Buoyancy	ITV Series 1. 1.30, Sandown, 1.45,
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(11) 12.15 pm,	Sandown, 3.10, Cycling, World
1.05, Moderne	Championships and World
1.35, The	Acrobatic Diving Championships
1.50 pm, Film:	3.30, Half-Time Soccer
with Frank Sin-	Results Service.
ci, Gillette Cup	5.05 News.
	5.15 The Mastership.
	6.00 News. Athletics, European Cham-
	pionships.
Festivals, Aix-	7.00 Robert Redford on the Out-
Alcinia, by	going Trail.
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London Weekend

9.30 am Home produced 10.00
10.00 The World's Best Worth
Abbey, Sussex. 11.00 Out of Town
(r). 11.30 Great Expectations (r).
12.00 Happy Days (r). 12.30 pm
1.00 The Red Tails
2.15 Face the Press. 1.45, Funky
Phantom (r). 2.15, The Big Match
3.00 The Times
3.45, The Cedar Tree. 4.45, Athletics
European Championships.
5.15 pm
6.30 The Paul Daniel's Blackpool
Bonanza.
8.30 Film: Murder in Peyton
Place (1977), with Stella
Stevens.
10.15 News
10.45 "Who's on LWT."
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Bette Midler, Dustin Hoffman.
George Hamilton IV.
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10.00. London. 11.00. Treasures in
Store. 11.25. Carroon. 11.30. Home
Produced. 12.00. ATV. 1.15 pm.
Cartoons. 1.30. Out of Town. 2.00.
Killed Off. 2.15. 2.30. 2.45. 3.00.
3.15. Maple in France. 3.45. London.
10.30. Open Night. 11.15. 11.30.
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Wildlife Cinema.

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DAVID WADE

Having listened to parts 2 and 3, I am glad not to have heard the first part of Radio 4's Wednesday morning series, *The Image-Makers*. And I shall now take good care to avoid parts 4 to 6 as well. But Thorburn's son, has set out to investigate "the reasons why we are so concerned with the image we project and what other people think of us." He has also looked at a tolerably interesting idea. So why has it been so horrible to listen to?

First of all, I think the real interest of the questions is personal and not why we are so concerned. "but why am I... After that, I wonder if they are even answerable. Aren't they questions for a community? A seductive family of questions—such as "Is there a life after death?"—which are profound in the sense that discussion of them is the thing which sets us up going round and round in an ever-deepening furrow? From one point of view I know well enough why I am concerned with what other people think of me. It is comfortable and I may feel uncomfortable and moved to alleviate the disagreeable sensation in whatever way I can. But there are some people who apparently enjoy and even take pleasure in it. It occurs to me that bad opinion only matters to me if it happens to coincide with a sudden blow to my good opinion of myself. It is the self preservation—although if I ask why, I am back at the explanation of discomfort and the circular argument has begun.

The second part of the series, parts 2 and 3, at any rate—has not so much as glanced in the direction of this ground. Its idea of image-making has to do with the fabrication of showbiz and the promotion of one's own airline over another, or the effort that goes in to persuading all right-thinking

the program from the producers and makers are. And amazing that their responsibility that would be taken on by the industry; the word; the series is evidence makers' identification to the agency searching in Charles Thomas doubt; in fact; the narration and the nicely matched "Humour in used more success. No days: with it success".

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5.00 a.m. News, Tom Edwards.†
6.00, Racing, London. 8.06, Ed.
Sawcott. 10.00, Peter Gault. 1.31,
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Gault. 5.31, Rock 'N' Roll. 6.30, In
Concert. Gallagher and Lytle. 7.30,
Sports Desk. 7.35, Top Tunes.
8.00, News. 8.15, Gault. 8.30, Gil-
bert and Sullivan at the Albert
Hall. 9.30, BBC Radio Orchestra.†
10.00, News. 11.00, 11.15, Ray
6.00, 6.02, 6.02 a.m. News.
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7.50 a.m., Radio 1, 10.03, Tony
Braburn. 12.03, Tony's Best.†
1.02, Offbeat with Braden. 1.30-
2.00, Sports, including Gillette
and Sports Desk. 2.00, News.
2.05, Racing from Sandown Park.
3.50, Sports Report. 6.03, Cross
Channel Monitoring Information.
The Impressionists. 7.30-8.02,
Radio 1.

7.55 a.m., Weather. 8.00, News. 8.05,
Faura, Musorgsky, Gritz, Strauss.
Vaughan Williams.† 9.00, News.
9.05, Stereo Release: Gabrielli.
10.00, News. 10.05, Brahms.
10.10, p.m., medium only: Crickel.
Gillette Cup Final. 10.25, Beech-
am. 10.30, News. 10.35, News.
10.40, Delnos and Duparc.† 11.35,
BBC Scottish Symphonic Orchestra.
11.40, News. 11.45, Berthouze.
11.50, News. 11.55, Heritage.
12.00, Puulenc and Mozart.† 2.20,
Woman of Aton: Mai Zetterling.
2.30, News. 2.35, Faure.
Moeniger, Overick.† 3.00, News.
3.05, Record Requests. 4.35, London
Symphony, part 1: Halloway.
4.40, News. 4.45, News. 4.50,
Poussin's "Story of Pho-

6.35, talk by
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 5:30 am, News. Ed Stewart.
 10:00, Noel Edmonds. 1:00 pm.
 Jimmy Savile. 3:00, Radio 1 Full-
 cast at Brands Hatch. 5:00, Chuck
 Berry. 6:00, Simon Bates. 7:00,
 Robin Richmond. 7:30, Glamorous
 Nights. 8:30, Sunday Half-hour.
 9:00, Best Tunes. 10:02, Jazz.
 11:00, News. 12:00, News.
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 3:00, Beech.
 2. 6:20 am, Radio 1. 10:02, Peter
 Clayton. 11:40, Sunrise. 12:00 pm,
 Familyavourites. 1:30, Brian
 Auger. 3:02, David Jacobs. 4:30,
 Charlie Chester. 5:00, Radio 1.
 6:00, Sunday Sport. 7:30, Radio 1.
 8:00, The Impressionists. 10:30,
 Hines and Brackett. 11:02, Sports
 News. 11:30, Solilo Sentimental.
 12:00-2:00 am, Radio 1.
 3. 5:55 am, Weather. 8:00, News. 8:05,
 The Chorn Tradition. 9:00, News.
 9:05, Your Concert Choice. Duna.
 10:00, Music News. 11:15,
 Boston Symphony Orchestra, part
 1. Martin. 11:35, Words by
 Francis King. 11:40, Concert, part
 2. Mahler. 12:50 pm, Les Pre-
 sents Sing.
 4. 10:20, Haydn Trio: Eroic, Mendels-
 son. 11:20, Edgar by Puccini, Act
 2 and Act 3. Discussion. 3:30,
 Edgar. Act 4. 4:25, From Preview,
 5:00, Beethoven, Ninth Quartet in
 F major. 5:55, A Most Peculiar
 Musician, by Professor A. H. Halsey.
 6:25, Music in Our Time: Serenid,
 Schubert, Brahms, Huber, Cage.

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THEY CANNOT DO THEIR JOB

The most important problems of the trade union movement are not always those which are most discussed, and they are certainly not those which will be discussed at next week's annual conference. The first problem is that the British labour movement has run out of ideas, and without ideas has lost its sense of purpose. The original Fabian ideas, state ownership, strong trade unions, state welfare services, redistributive taxation, the parliamentary road to power, have all been achieved. Some of them have proved fruitful, in particular the welfare services, though both the Liberal and Conservative Parties helped to create them. Most have proved disappointing. Bureaucracy, low productivity and high direct taxation are the chief characteristics of the British socialist state; it is a disappointing end to a great crusade. And it is a dead end.

Yet the trade unions are trapped in this early twentieth century formula for democratic socialism by their political associations, by their personal commitments and by their own traditions. The trade union movement is opposed to reduction of the bureaucracy, or to almost any reduction of the government expenditure which the high taxation pays for. It is itself a major cause, probably the major cause, of Britain's dreadful record of low productivity. In so far as it has a political view, it is that Britain should have more state ownership, more government expenditure, more bureaucracy and more taxation. Yet it is quite clear that this formula is one which satisfies nobody. It has made Britain prosperous or, at least, it has not maintained employment; it has not even altered in social content. It is depressing, inefficient, ill-considered and deeply repugnant way to run a country.

Need for new ideas

The Labour movement of Britain in 1920 or 1945 or perhaps even in 1964 offered people ideas, some genuine and some mistaken, for real evils. Socialism in Britain in 1978 has become inextricably entwined with the evils for which people now seek the remedies. It has passed from being the wave of the future to being the wash from the past. No human movement can survive for long without ideas; if the trade union movement offers no ideas it offers no hope; and if it offers no hope, it is an institution manifestly in decline.

Such institutions, at the point—shortly after the point—at which they have begun to decline, usually appear at their most powerful, and usually

retain elements of real power. So it is with the trade unions. Yet their power now is almost entirely external. They are strong in dealing with those outside their own body, but weak in dealing with other unions and their own members. They can very often make employers or governments do their will, but they have become very vulnerable to internal dissent, sometimes to the point of anarchy. A union which can make confident demands on ministers may be quite unable to persuade small groups of its own members to honour its promises, made in their behalf. It may also be helpless in its relations with other unions when actions may be very destructive to its members' interests.

The permanent and basic task of the trade unions, which led to their original development and their expansion, is to improve the real earnings of their members. In the earlier period they undoubtedly helped to achieve this, by equalizing the bargaining power of the employee and the employer. Since union power became predominant, they have come to have the opposite effect. The real wage of Britain has fallen relative to that of every other major industrial country, out in spite of Britain's trade unions, but because of them. In the perpetual arguments about minimum wages, the employer who is always trying to raise real wages, as well as Britain's competitive power, and the union which is in effect trying to keep real wages down, and Britain non-competitive.

Employers have the function of raising efficiency to the maximum. Unions do not have that function; it is not their business nor is it in their power. They do, however, have the power to oppose maximum productivity, and the British trade unions have either used that power, or have protected those groups of workers who would not raise their output to optimum levels.

In the typical case local groups of workers refuse to operate capital equipment to optimum manning. Employers who try to get the workers to do so, only too often find that the union supports the members in resisting high productivity. If the unions prevail then either the machines are overmanned or they are not installed, in either case wealth is lost to Britain. Alongside this, industrial demarcations, cost a further waste of labour, and those demarcations are enforced by the trade unions. In the extreme this has led to situations like that of British Leyland, Fleet Street is a slightly less extreme example. But the condition is virtually universal.

The statistics vary somewhat, but British productivity is little

better than half the American-Japanese-European level. Those who have tried to raise productivity know that the trade union resistance is the latest example is that some newspapers are putting in new hot metal composing room equipment, knowing it to be entirely obsolete, because they cannot achieve satisfactory union agreements for electronic typesetting. They might as well put in new stage coaches to distribute their newspapers.

Obstructive system

Yet productivity is wealth. The members of trade unions who work twenty to a machine which is manned by two men in Düsseldorf, and eight in Tokyo, are inevitably paid half what they could be earning. If they strike and put their wages up, the declining value of the pound soon takes away their purely paper benefit. There is no general way, wealth can be increased except by earning it, and the trade union system in Britain stands in the way of it being earned. More than that, high productivity creates jobs, because it is competitive in a competitive world, and low productivity destroys jobs. A man whose work is not needed is never going to be either prosperous or happy, nor can his job ever be secure.

Suppose five years ago, by some miracle, everyone had resigned from the British trade unions, and the trade unions had disappeared as a consequence, would British workers be poorer, would more men be unemployed? Not at all. If British employers were free to maximize productivity, and foreign investors were free to employ British workers with no trade union restrictions, real British wages would now be at or near the German level—that is about double what they are—employment would certainly be higher, and we should be back to something like a \$4 pound.

These then are the real problems of the trade union movement. Their politics are cold plutism, putting on Boxing Day more of what is already making us sick. Their institutional character is that of a trick with a soft centre, tough outside but anarchy at the heart. Most important of all they cannot do their job. They exist to make their members richer; they make them poorer. They exist to protect jobs; they destroy them. These are not truths they find it agreeable to face, but as Bishop Butler observed, "things and actions are what they are, and the consequences of them will be what they will be: why then should we desire to be deceived?"

ROLLS-ROYCE NEEDED A MARKET

Decisions about the future of the British aircraft industry are now beginning to emerge piecemeal. They will in effect decide the shape of the industry for the rest of this century. For all major airlines are now in the process of deciding what medium-range aircraft they will be operating in the 1980s and beyond. And all the leading manufacturers are engaged in the battle to get those orders. Long-range, intercontinental aircraft of the present generation have considerable operational life left. The only other developments, therefore, will be in smaller feeder and private aircraft and in the next generation of super-jetliners.

The importance of the decision has ensured that every vested interest has been bringing pressure to bear on the Government. In response to this pressure, the Government seems to have opted for a compromise. The original idea was that the three essential elements of the policy should be brought together in one decision. First, the choice would be made as to whether British Aerospace should go into partnership with Boeing, McDonnell Douglas or with the European Airbus consortium. Secondly, British government money would be contributed to the development costs of the chosen model. Thirdly, British Airways would be required to order the product. This grand design has evidently crumbled.

The strong desire of British Airways to buy Boeing, combined with the anxiety of Rolls-Royce to remain strong in the

American market, has resulted in the order going to America. Although the Government has formally said that it wishes to take a 20 per cent stake in the European Airbus development, it remains an open question whether the French would be prepared to allow such participation, since British Airways has been allowed to order American. It is also not clear whether the terms on which the French might insist for such entry would be acceptable to British Aerospace, and the British Government. Some in the Government and in Whitehall are clearly hoping that we are refused entry, thus avoiding the charge of having refused to join.

Now that the decision about the future of the British aircraft industry has been divorced from the question of what aircraft British Airways orders and, largely, from the future of Rolls-Royce, the issue can be posed with increased clarity. The choice is whether the political advantages of joining the European venture measure up to the likely commercial advantages of coming to some arrangement with Boeing, Rolls-Royce and its management, in marked contrast to the management of British Aerospace, clearly came to the conclusion that the only long-term future was to come to terms with American manufacturers, on the grounds that they and the American market occupy such a dominant world position.

The political arguments in favour of Europe are real enough. There is the serious danger that design leadership in this important area would be

surrendered to the United States. It would make it more difficult, though by no means impossible, to maintain a design capacity for military aircraft in Europe. At a psychological level, it is important to Europe to maintain a position in high technology.

Against that, however, industrial and commercial ventures undertaken primarily for political reasons are almost invariably a disaster in the end. It is argued that, since the present Airbus is selling, its successors could also be commercially successful. The argument, however, is weak. In the first place, the present Airbus has no exact rival. This would not be true of the next generation of medium-range transports, where there would be direct American competitors. Further, while the Airbus may get up to 200 or even more orders, the break-even point for such a project must be orders of double that level or more. It is only by riding on the back of a partner as commercially powerful as Boeing, particularly in the American market, that profitable production runs are likely.

From a commercial point of view, therefore, the case for trying to salvage some cooperative agreement, even at this late stage, with Boeing is overwhelmingly strong. The deal would now not be as good as it might have been if British Aerospace had shown greater clarity of purpose at an earlier stage. If, however, the policy is that this country should be in the commercial aircraft business for profit, such a solution is still better late than never.

petty individual could thrust forth his head and speak away at his comports as long as his anybody had a mind to listen to him. Turgenyev, mind that the abuse of freedom is the price of freedom, is reported to have wished that Carlyle might have the opportunity of spending a month or two in one of the interior provinces of Russia. L. G. TURTON, City of Birmingham Polytechnic, Department of English and Foreign Languages, Aston Street, Birmingham, August 30.

Decline of the village in a changing world

From Mr Patrick Goldring

Sir, Village life is not declining for lack of schools, shops, pubs or post offices, and though these deficiencies may prove to be effects, not causes, village life in the sense that it has been known and loved in the past is declining for lack of village jobs.

Where villages are dying today it is because, for lack of transport, people cannot live in them and work in the towns. They cannot work in villages, because the jobs are not there.

Where villages appear to be flourishing, it is because town workers have chosen to make their homes in the country. In many cases the jobs have been revived, the community life and saved the schools from closing. But in doing so they have transformed the villages into dormitory villages of the towns. It is a pleasant, happy, sensible existence with benefits both for old villagers and new country residents. Country in itself, old and new residents usually get on very well together, and it may well be the best solution to many of the "survival" problems. But the place where this happens is not enjoying village life as an independent community. That can only happen if the jobs of the inhabitants gain their living locally.

We can make many more villages viable as dormitory suburbs if we improve rural transport so that young people without cars are able to work in towns and live in the village where housing is available. But life there must also bring employment to the villages. Farming, which sustained most of our villages in the past, will never again provide enough jobs. Only when every village has its small factory, its independent craftsmen and its local businesses will real village life flourish again.

Yours, etc.
PATRICK GOLDRING,
Ship Cottage,
Riverside,
Redham, Norwich.

From the Chairman of Cumbria County Council

Sir, We in Cumbria are very proud of Mr. Bragg and his achievements as an author and more recently as a broadcaster. His writing has confirmed his reputation as a keen observer of the local scene and as a skilled recorder of the detail of the lives of ordinary people, and particularly of Cumbrians of 50 years ago. It is all the more surprising therefore that he should not have noticed the flagpoles of the village of Great Salting, August 30, which he sees as "the key" to the problem of... of what? Of the village (apparently) being bought by bureaucrats. He goes on to assert that in Cumbria there is neither debate nor policy.

As regards debate, I can only assume that Mr. Bragg has become so much a devoted figure reading the Times that he has failed to notice the vigorous debate in the local press; that he has been too busy to attend to the meetings of the county council and of its education committee; that he has been too busy with his local press group, concerned with rural education that he has not been prepared to listen to the other point of view—and there is always another point of view. As for policy, well there has been a policy, and it is now being revised, as indeed all policies should be from time to time in the

light of public and political debate.

The arguments for the village school are often overwhelming, but when it becomes very small, with perhaps one teacher—both educational and financial arguments have to be weighed. The educational arguments against very small schools cannot be dismissed, suffice it to say that in the past their existence and the need for them to be discussed. The financial arguments cannot easily be dismissed either. They must indeed be faced, particularly where heavy expenditure on ancient school buildings, probably with outside lavatories, and heating systems in need of expensive renewal, is on the agenda. Furthermore, shire county budgets have to be tightly drawn when government policy deliberately reduces the share of the needs statement of the rate support grant (that is the part of the grant supposed to compensate for higher rates, occasioned by such factors as sparsity of population) going to shire counties at a time when ever higher proportions of the population live in these shire counties; indeed many shire counties have problems for villages in fields other than just education.

Mr. Bragg's criticism of the bureaucrats fails dismally to reflect the truth, which is that county council members and council officials are unrelentingly adding the funds at their disposal to improve the quality of village life—by the provision of rural education, of travelling library services and of modest assistance towards the restoration of ancient buildings and the development of village halls by meeting the entire cost of the losses on rural bus services, by working with other agencies to bring small scale industry to the larger villages, by maintaining the rural roads to standards which would be the envy of more affluent foreigners, and in numerous other ways. This work must and will go on. One hopes it will improve village life, its absence would impoverish the whole countryside. Yours faithfully,
PETER NAYLOR, Chairman,
Cumbria County Council,
The Coltrane,
Carlisle.

From Mr Hugh Johnson

Sir, Your correspondent Mr. Cartwright (August 31) discusses the place of the church in village life. May I add a note from Great Salting, Essex (pop. about 200)?

For some 500 years the church was the only stone (actually flint) building in this village. It was obviously the most valuable thing the people possessed and was made and maintained by the community in effort for their general use—that is for shelter and social life as well as worship. Since the bifurcation of the whole church, nave and yard as well as chancel, that Mr. Cartwright mentions, the village has had to look elsewhere for the old facilities. In our case the building of the village hall—ironically on land rented from the Church—symbolizes the relegation of the church to what for a vast majority is a ceremonial role only.

Like many village halls, ours is a poor building, which constitutes a big loss to the village. As the time the size of our congregation suggests that our church is likely to be decommissioned at some time in the next generation. Surely the answer must be to demolish the village hall, develop its site, and use the proceeds to reconstruct the church

for general use—thus giving back to the village its original community centre and spending our spare funds on maintaining an ancient monument rather than a parish. My guess is that it would also increase attendance at worship.

Incidentally the history book role of the church is also in abeyance, in their zeal the authorities now even discourage the wall tablets which until this century linked the church and its people.

Yours truly,

HUGH JOHNSON,
Churchwarden and Chairman of the Village Hall,
Salting Hall,
Great Salting,
Braintree,
Essex.
August 31.

From Mrs Joan Yeo Marsh

Sir, This village—Walham, St Lawrence, with Shurlock Row—is 30 miles from London with easy access for commuters. It has retained its agricultural character. In 1974 it was designated "East Berks Green Belt". The current concern for conservation in this case threatens to turn the village into a commuter's roost. The following planning requests are among those referred to officialdom even before 1974: a new 100-car parking lot to replace the unsightly workshop fronting on the village street by an appropriate house, set back to the building line of adjacent houses, with a workshop at the back, in no way disturbing the amenity of the village.

A teacher of art who is also a potter, to make a small workshop in his garden, and place a sign in good lettering, at his gate, to advertise his work.

A housewife, to trade in antiques from her house on the fringe of the village.

Surely such activities as these are what a village needs. Can there not even within the Green Belts, be discrimination between that which belongs to village life, and "industry" which could destroy it?

Yours, etc.

JOAN YEO MARSH,
Pond Cottage,
Shurlock Row,
Reading,
Berkshire.

From Dr J. A. Farrer

Sir, The war; And Hitler went. The Brave New World; the Squire went. The Squire gone; Landowning went; Landowning out; the System went; The System changed; the Crafts went. The Crafts gone; the Jobs went. The Jobs gone; the Houses went. The Houses gone; the Renting went. The Renting gone; the Families went. The Families gone; the Children went. The Children gone; the School went. The School gone; the Village went. Which way does our future lead? Yours sincerely,
J. A. FARRER.

Footnote: I have been the squire of a traditional estate cum village which has and is experiencing all the problems mentioned, and more, and still hopeful of survival. This for the past 25 years. Ingleborough Estate Office, Cleburn, Wiltshire, August 29.

South Bank development

From Dr Stuart Holland

Sir, Peter Sharp (August 23) rightly points out the need for a new development of the South Bank. The site and the need for action now before this degenerates into a concrete jungle surrounding an isolated fortress like the National Theatre complex. His case for a "diversified local economy" which would include restaurants, off-Broadway type theatre, craft workshops and some of the "brasserie life" of Shaftesbury Avenue makes sense both for the local community and for those who know the South Bank as a theatre district.

Behind the need for such a community, and the mixed family housing which alone can provide a genuine life for this area, stands the need for a new development. The decision to allow an office development to replace the theatre complex is a disaster in the making. The spirit of the Waterloo Place development, which was to be a new theatre district, is being lost. Why property interests claim that they need a Tory government to defend them, it is not only ignores the united opposition to further property developments in the area, but also ignores the fact that the Labour Party and Community groups, who neglect the needs of other urban areas, such as Liverpool, which actually want to attract office development.

Yours sincerely,

STUART HOLLAND,
Prospective Labour Parliamentary Candidate, Vauxhall, 179 Kent Road, Vauxhall, SE11.

News broadcasts

From Mr Edgar Brennan

Sir, Now that three ex-big guns of the BBC have had their say, perhaps it is time for a humble member of the Corporation's news staff under all three to have his.

The essential controversy lies between Sir Hugh Greene (August 31) and Mr Hole (August 29). Both to some extent are right, and both to some extent are wrong.

Mr Hole's approach was one of rigid high-mindedness: he concerned his audience as Sir Hugh recalls, "to be a kind of sober citizen, for he was concerned to lay down a clear frontier between fact and opinion, on the one hand, and analysis and interpretation, on the other. This did not mean that the news bulletin lacked an interpretative content; it did mean that the formula for a news story was, first, an impersonal recitation of the facts, and then interpretative and analytical comment clearly attributed to an individual spokesman."

correspondent. It was, of course, a mechanical formula, and like all such formulae, tended to ossify over the years; dullness was always just around the corner, but it was usually kept at bay by the skill and imagination of the individual responsible for compiling the bulletins.

Sir Hugh sought to move BBC news "down market", to create for a mass audience in the face of the rivalry of commercial television. He conceived that one way to do this was by "personalizing" news, by allowing a correspondent to tell the entire story in his own words. This inevitably had the effect of blurring in some listeners' minds the frontier between fact and comment, which is what worries Mr. Hole. It also had the effect of undermining the objectivity which Mr. Hole's main contribution—the preservation of BBC news as something with its own distinctive style and values; it tended to assimilate it more closely to the style and values of newspapers, particularly the popular ones, and in turn to turn it to a degree of trivialization which is still with us. Yours faithfully,
EDGAR BRENNAN,
70 Priory Crescent, SE19.

Access to Gatwick

From Mr D. J. Hurford-Jones

Sir, It is true that Gatwick is a fine airport and is under-employed while Heathrow is overcrowded. But the decision to move all flights to the Iberian peninsula from Heathrow to Gatwick, before there is a six-lane motorway link, is wrong. Gatwick at the moment is only convenient in passengers from central and south-east London, Kent, Sussex and parts of Surrey. I am a frequent business air traveller and my journey to Heathrow is a pleasant drive of just over one hour at any time of the day. To Gatwick is an extremely unpleasant drive of between three and four hours, depending on the time of day.

A number of my continental friends fly to Heathrow and transfer to flights to Spain. One Dutchman I know does this so frequently that British Airways have given him their Executive card. These people will not pass through Britain in future. I definitely will not travel from Gatwick before there is a complete motorway link. We shall all use our cars. And a better way. The probable outcome is that we shall fly to Geneva, and there transfer to flights to Spain. There will be loss of revenue to British airports and British Airways.

Airports exist for the convenience of the traveller and not vice versa. To move all flights to any one desti-

nation from Heathrow to Gatwick may make for easy management and a nice bureaucratic paper solution, but until the motorway link exists, the only proper answer is to move some flights to all destinations, and encourage those living in the areas I have mentioned to use them.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID HURFORD-JONES,
Alresford House,
Aylesbury, Oxford,
August 28.

Investment in art

From Mr George J. Levy

Sir, Mr. Frank Herrmann (August 25) claims that Mr. Hugh Leggett is conducting a "one-man war against British Realism". With respect, Mr. Herrmann appears to be curiously unaware of similar strictures from many quarters including members of Parliament on both sides of the House, leading trade union officials, and distinguished art historians, to say nothing of the Comptroller and Auditor General, who is on record as questioning the "wisdom and propriety" of buying antiquities in this context.

Further, Mr. Herrmann has done no more than recapitulate the argument that, with the fall in the value of money in recent years, works of art have not the whole continued to rise in price. But in practice this will necessarily ensue over the next twenty to thirty years, to an extent which will compensate for the loss during that period of vast, tax-free income, exactly the point which is now being widely questioned for a variety of reasons which he does not discuss.

Finally, Mr. Herrmann does not make it clear that the book which he is writing is a history of Messrs. Sotheby, who are after all British. He is not an art investment adviser. Yours faithfully,
GEORGE J. LEVY,
H. Blairman and Sons Ltd,
119 Mount Street, W1.

Pope John Paul I

From Mr Gershon Ellenbogen

Sir, Mr. J. C. Davis (September 1) has a point. But it is not the news media that are responsible for adding "the First" to the name of the new Pope. The announcement (in Latin) from the balcony of St. Peter's of the result of the election and the choice of papal name ended with the word "Primi". I am, etc.

GERSHON ELLENBOGEN,
2 Gray's Inn Square, WC1.

Labour Cabinet and the NEC

From Sir Harold Wilson, FRS, MP for Houghton (Labour)

Sir, In your issue of August 31 Anthony Howard has a characteristically interesting and reflective article on relations between successive Labour Governments and Transport House. I must, however, make clear that his account of the NEC decision about the nationalization of 25 of the largest companies hardly reflects what actually took place.

The National Executive Committee had an all-day meeting during the Spring holiday of 1973. Most members had left when a snap vote took place on the 25-company proposal late in the evening. It was carried by seven votes to six.

The following morning I issued a short statement which was printed in all newspapers, being the main item on page headline to a number of them. I pointed out that under clause 5 of the 1918 constitution, any matter for inclusion in the manifesto must be agreed by the Parliamentary Labour Party in modern times, the Cabinet or Shadow Cabinet, and the National Executive Committee. The phrase I used which received wide publicity was that the shadow Cabinet would " veto " this proposal, adding that four-letter words were unparliamentary in the Labour Party. Furthermore, any item included had to be carried by Party Conference with a two-thirds majority on a block vote.

In the event, the proposal proceeded to a further, but at the subsequent Party Conference in October, a motion by the Brighton Kemp Town division and seconded by Liverpool Walton, endorsing the proposal for 25 companies to be nationalized but also calling for a further 25 " monopolies " to be " vetoed " was defeated by 5,600 votes to 291,000.

Anthony Howard refers to "Labour Programme 1973", submitted in Conference that year. On January 11, 1974, a joint meeting of the National Executive Committee and the shadow Cabinet issued a statement called Campaign Documents, which later became the manifesto when the February election was called. This set out proposals for ship-building, aerospace, ports, etc., and also referred to taking over sections of firms in industries where this was necessary for price policy, investment, exports, employment, etc.

The substantial commitment was a reference to the new Industry Act and the planning agreement system. The Industry Act proposal took detailed form in the run-up to the October 1974 election, through the publication of the White Paper "The Regeneration of British Industry", concentrating on the National Enterprise Board and planning agreements. The 1975 Industry Act gave statutory endorsement to the National Enterprise Board, though the policy on planning agreements has been virtually a dead letter.

Yours sincerely,

HAROLD WILSON,
House of Commons,
September 1.

Basis for EEC budget

From Mr Wynne Godley

Sir, It is not correct to suppose, as, apparently, do Mr. Aldridge (August 30) and some other commentators, that Monetary Compensation Amounts in respect of exports in the UK should be considered as offsets to the UK's net contribution to the EEC budget, whether they are paid to us or direct to the exporters.

The only relevant questions in the immediate context are (1) what sum of money do we pay (net) directly to the EEC as a budgetary contribution and (2) how does the actual cost to the UK of imported food (14% after deduction of MCAs) compare with what the cost would have been if we were not members of EEC? The answer to the first question is not controversial—it is about £600m to £700m this year. While the precise answer to the second question is very uncertain, the cost is certainly positive, probably around £200m to £300m per annum, making the direct net balance of payments cost around £1,000m in all.

Yours faithfully,
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University of Cambridge,
Sidgwick Avenue,
Cambridge.

China opium war

From Mr Frank Welsh

Sir, The Chinese version of the first Opium War reported by Michael Leppman from New York (August 30) is not without its virtues. Canton did remain Chinese and the British were fobbed off with Hong Kong, much to Palmerston's distaste. Queen Victoria was however amused and suggested that the Princess Royal should add to her titles that of Princess of Hong Kong.

This is not the first time that Commissioner Lin has been presented to the western public, his effigy being exhibited last century at Madame Tussauds as the "Author of the China War". The Chinese did in fact fight bravely, and well, in spite of six out of every 10 soldiers being held in reserve as a bodyguard for the general, I-ching.

Nor did the Chinese secret weapon work well: The monkeys who were set fire to the British ships by having fireworks tied to their backs never got near enough to try!

Yours,

FRANK WELSH,
Flass,
Maudslays Mesburn,
Pentrich, Cumbria.

The daily 74

From Mr H. C. Dyer

Sir, If there are only 74 aeroplanes available to the RAF why do they all fly over this village at a few hundred feet every day?

Yours truly,

MALCOLM DYER,
The Plech,
Much Marcle,
Herefordshire.

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Leyland offers prospect of early pay parity for car workers

By Clifford Webb

BL Cars management yesterday offered a prospect of early pay parity for car workers, but the offer was subject to a number of conditions. The company said it was prepared to meet the demands of the 10,000 manual workers for parity of pay with the 10,000 professional workers, but only if the latter agreed to a similar concession. The offer was made at a meeting of the BL shop stewards' committee, which is the main bargaining body for the company's 10,000 manual workers. The offer was made at a meeting of the BL shop stewards' committee, which is the main bargaining body for the company's 10,000 manual workers. The offer was made at a meeting of the BL shop stewards' committee, which is the main bargaining body for the company's 10,000 manual workers.

Workers at Chrysler vote for pay strike

By Christopher Thomas

More than 2,000 Chrysler workers at Daimler-Benz and Luton voted for an indefinite strike yesterday over a pay claim. The vote was taken at a meeting of the workers' representatives, who are the main bargaining body for the company's 2,000 workers. The vote was taken at a meeting of the workers' representatives, who are the main bargaining body for the company's 2,000 workers. The vote was taken at a meeting of the workers' representatives, who are the main bargaining body for the company's 2,000 workers.

Sales pressure depresses the dollar

The pound gained 50 points against the dollar in very thin trading on the foreign exchange market yesterday. The pound's gain was due to a combination of factors, including a decline in the dollar's value against the yen and the Swiss franc. The pound's gain was due to a combination of factors, including a decline in the dollar's value against the yen and the Swiss franc. The pound's gain was due to a combination of factors, including a decline in the dollar's value against the yen and the Swiss franc.

Share prices at four-week low

The FT Ordinary share index, after trading within a 25-point range which took it to a 10-month high, ended the holiday account last night at 498.0, its lowest level for four weeks. The index's decline was due to a combination of factors, including a decline in the value of the pound and a decline in the value of the dollar. The index's decline was due to a combination of factors, including a decline in the value of the pound and a decline in the value of the dollar.

US jobless rate dips to 5.9pc in August

From Frank Vogt

Unemployment in the United States fell in August to 5.9 per cent from 6.2 per cent in July. The rate has hovered in a 5.7 to 6.2 per cent range for the past six months and few economists now expect any further reductions. Economists at Citibank in New York today predicted a steady rise in the unemployment rate over the next two years and forecast that the rate will reach 7.5 per cent by the end of 1980.

These predictions are partly based on expectations of significantly higher money wages and the consequent rise in interest rates. Citibank today joined other large American commercial banks in raising its prime lending rate to 9 1/2 per cent from 9 per cent.

The Department of Commerce announced a sharp decline in new factory orders and an 0.7 per cent fall in the composite index of leading indicators earlier this week.

Views differ sharply over the extent of the prospective slowdown and its timing. The Administration continues to maintain that real growth next year will exceed 3 per cent.

Mr William Miller, the Federal Reserve Board's chairman, has indicated that a sharp tightening in Fed policies is improbable by noting that the prime interest rate is peaking by the end of this year.

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Tourism takes over from insurance as top earner in £1,998m invisibles surplus

By David Blake

The City's contribution to the balance of payments fell last year to £1,747m, roughly 5 per cent below the level of £1,836m recorded in the previous year. Last year's contribution was part of an estimated £1,998m surplus on invisibles, which changed a trade deficit of £1,709m into a current account surplus of £289m against the earlier estimate of £165m.

This invisibles surplus, which was boosted by a very sharp increase in the net benefit from tourism, which went up to £1,077m—an increase of about two-thirds and replacing insurance as the largest single merchandise surplus.

There was also a surplus of £1,123m on interest payments and dividends, though this was down sharply on the 1976 figure of £1,963m.

These figures, which are published in the Central Statistical Office's publication *United Kingdom Balance of Payments 1967-77* (popularly known as the *Pink Book*), were published yesterday.

It provides a deep quarry to mine for the details of a year in which the current account balance of £289m was converted into a £736m surplus on old-style overseas trade.

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	1976	1977	1977
Insurance	442	785	909
Banking	215	418	254
Community	299	309	229
Investment and unit trusts	66	72	80
Brokers	207	215	235
Solicitors	18	29	40
Total	1,248	1,836	1,747

Source: Pink Book 1967-77

account was in surplus by £958m.

The actual value of sales of gas and oil was £2,543m, but about half of this was eaten up by the need to export goods to help in development work or by the need to pay foreign companies profits on the oil they own.

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BBC wave switch slow to swell radio sales

Radio suppliers and retailers have found little evidence to suggest that large numbers of customers are buying new sets ahead of the BBC's wave band changes. These are due to take place on November 23.

Many of the big high street electrical retailers are planning to launch campaigns in the next few weeks, advising customers of the changes. Some will be offering to show people where their favourite stations can be found after the switchover.

Radio and radio-cassette sales have increased this summer, but few companies are able to determine whether the forthcoming band change is directly responsible for boosting business.

A spokesman for IIT said the uplift in sales was "nothing remarkable" and was due to the BBC changes. At Currys no discernible increase in radio sales has been detected. A spokesman said: "I don't think the changes mean much to the public yet."

David Johnson, chief executive of Rumbelow's, which operates 400 shops, said however that radio sales were up 20 per cent this year and there was a swing towards three-band radios.

One of the cheaper, mostly imported, radios bought in the early 1970s cover only medium wave and very high frequency (VHF) bands. One of the BBC's main changes is to move Radio 4 from medium to 1500 metres long wave, the slot currently occupied by Radio 2.

Edward Townsend

No encore for Citizens Band theme

The Home Office remains unconvinced by the recommendation of the National Electronic Council (reported in *The Times* of June 19) that Britain should introduce a version of the short-range, mobile radio service known as Citizens Band (CB) radio.

"On balance," the Home Office has told the Council, the objections of Citizens Band radio, in particular on the issue of interference with other services, have not yet been satisfactorily answered.

The council's report and recommendations on CB radio were sent to Mr Merlyn Rees, the Home Secretary, by the Duke of Kent, the council's chairman.

Mr Rees says: "The existing pressure on the VHF and UHF bands is such that as the regulatory authority, we must be satisfied that if additional spectrum is made available, it is for a 'very good' service, such as Citizens Band could be justified in the face of competing claims from other mobile services, such as those dealing with safety of life or business use."

Mr Rees says the Home Office is aware of the useful purposes to which CB radio could be put. But the department's view, based on the experience of other countries, is still that the serious purposes would be far outweighed by non-serious use.

The other main area where the Home Office still has misgivings, Mr Rees says, is in relation to the control of possible misuse of the facility and the need to minimize the risk of interference to other services.

Regulation as proposed by the council would require a considerable increase in manpower. It would be difficult to catch offenders because of the nature of the equipment, and there could be no guarantee that control could be effective.

Mr Rees says that there are very real practical difficulties which have to be set against the possible commercial advantages when the introduction of Citizens Band radio into this country is considered. Mr Rees concludes.

Kenneth Owen

L & G makes £8m offer for Glanfield

By Ray Maughan

Legal & General Assurance Society is to make an agreed bid worth £8.1m for Glanfield Securities. The offer has received irrevocable undertakings from the board of the latter company, which is a subsidiary of the insurance company.

For every 10 Glanfield ordinary shares, the insurance company is offering 23 new shares of 5p. Four new ordinary shares will be offered for every nine 52p per cent of the preference share capital.

While the bid will lift L & G's shareholding to 66 per cent, the insurance company's action has been prompted by an apparently rare opportunity of buying a mixed portfolio of property, equities, fixed interest and cash at a lower price than it would have paid by buying these assets piecemeal.

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PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Widows get the hardest deal of all

In the last of our series on women and their money we tackle the difficult area of all-the widows.

Using the example of a young widow with a small child, and with the advice of financial expert Christine Darley-Jones of Sedgwick Forbes, we highlight the problems that widows can find with money and discuss what is due to them from the state and how they are forced to supplement it.

On December 7 last year 29-year-old Robie Grater died in the Royal United Hospital at Bath from acute leukaemia. He had been ill for seven weeks and married for just over two years.

He left a 22-year-old wife, Katherine, and a seven-month old son, Nicholas.

Today Katherine Grater, now 23, and her son face a future shared by an estimated 225,000 parents. Mrs Grater has joined the single-parent family.

At a time when she still feels deeply the effects of her bereavement she has to chart her way through the complexities which beset the financial world of the young widow and mother.

When her husband died he was a well-paid, skilled aircraft worker; Mrs Grater a fairly well housewife. The family finances were all in his hands.

His untimely death changed that. Apart from some money with the building society, the state now had to provide for Mrs Grater and Nicholas.

What they got then, and what widows get now, is laid down in a complex set of regulations issued by the Department of Health and Social Security. They are difficult to understand



Mrs Katherine Grater with her son Nicholas: she found work to try to increase her income.

with people in receipt of benefits or pensions.

Consider the state of mind of the young widow. She is not likely to take in the fact that some of her benefits are tax-

entitled to. Each set of parents had a strong sense of responsibility both for the widow and the grandson.

At present Mrs Grater lives with her parents in a small house in County Durham. She is waiting to move into her own accommodation which will cost up to £10 a week.

Other widows are not so fortunate. Suppose Mrs Grater had had no children. At her age, and at any up to 40, she would not have been entitled to any widow's pension at all.

Beyond that age the widow's pension goes up from the figure of just under £6 a week to the £17.50 a week she is entitled to at the age of 50. If she has children, of course, this income is boosted considerably. However, it would still be taxable.

What is done with any money which results from insurance, say, has not so far come within the remit of the previous articles in this series.

As Christine Darley-Jones freely admits: "My advice to any widow who has benefited from a life assurance policy is to leave the money in a building society for at least 18 months. Only then can a woman on her own decide what she might do with the money."

Any other limited cash available to widows can be used, however, either to provide a pension for themselves or an annuity for their children. But that depends on whether or not the individual can afford the premium.

Of course Mrs Darley-Jones is sure. Any widow with children should pay close attention as early as she is able to two very important areas.

It might sound hard, but the widow must make a will. More

Taxation

Child benefits: clearing up a misunderstanding

By next April child tax allowances will have completely disappeared for most taxpayers and the child benefit scheme will reign supreme.

This gradual changeover from the old family allowance and child tax allowance schemes has brought in its train a good deal of misunderstanding, and surprisingly since the old scheme was fairly complicated.

An example is this letter from a reader: "I am over the age of 65 and in receipt of the age-related pension. This includes a dependency allowance for my two children under 16. Due to an increase in child benefits from April 3, 1978, the child increases payable with retirement pensions have been reduced by a like amount (in my case £2.10 per week).

However, there has also been a decrease in income tax allowance so that I am being penalized twice for the same reason and the situation will be even worse when child benefits are increased again in April, 1979, and tax allowances disappear.

"There are no doubt many others in a like position including widows and grand parents who are dependent on young children and I would be grateful for your advice on how to deal with this apparent anomaly.

Before discussing the present system we need to look back at the old for comparison. The state paid a family allowance for each child, except the first, and it was taxable.

To confuse matters there was a must taxpayer's family allowance "clawback", the reason for which goes back to 1968. At that time an increase of 40p per week was made to the family allowance, but it was intended only for those not paying tax at the standard rate.

As it was not possible to monitor this restriction through the social security system the legislators resorted to the tax system, shall not bore readers with an arithmetic behind it all, but the clawing back of the increase from taxpayers was achieved by reducing personal allowances by £36. This figure varied with subsequent changes in tax rates and ended up £52 in the last year of the family allowance's existence in 1976-77.

The loss of personal allowances, combined with a tax liability on the family allowance itself, had a curious result that was disastrous for many of those paying tax at rates above the standard rate to receive the allowance. In recognition of this, the law allowed taxpayers to renounce the family allowance in exchange for a tax credit.

To simplify matters the child benefit scheme came into existence in 1977, with the object of completely replacing family

allowances and child tax allowances. For administrative reasons it has had to be introduced gradually and the legislation has had to juggle the figures to ensure that no taxpayer is any worse off under the new system.

As an example of the juggling act go back to the problem raised by the reader. It comes under the category of widows, pensioners and others who receive a dependency allowance (which is taxable for dependent children. Before April, 1977, they, like everyone else, received a family allowance. However, the difference was that it was not subject to clawback.

When child benefit replaced the family allowance it was seen that this category of individual would be out of pocket because the child benefit was pitched at a level that fell into account both child tax allowances and the family allowance clawback. This was put right for 1977-78 by exempting £52 of the dependency allowance from tax.

For the present year 1978-79 the tax-free element of the dependency allowance has been increased to £80 to ensure that this category of individual does not lose from the reduction in child tax allowances.

Widows, pensioners and others with child dependency additions 1978/79.

Age	Not weekly income	Not weekly income
Under 11	£1.19	90p
11 to 15	1.65	90p
Over 16	77p	59p

In a recent House of Commons statement it was announced that next April the child benefit is to be increased to £4 per week and child tax allowances will be completely withdrawn (other than for certain students and children living overseas).

It added: "In order to ensure that widows and others in receipt of taxable social security benefits who receive child dependency additions are no worse off as a result of the withdrawal of the tax allowances, it is proposed to exempt the child dependency additions from tax with effect from April 3, 1979."

This exemption extends to arrangements for part-time students in 1977-78 and 1978-79. For those beneficiaries who are liable to tax this exemption will more than set off the loss of the tax allowances from 1979-80.

The benefit to the individual as a result of exempting the dependency allowance from tax is shown in the table.

Vera Di Palma

Law Compensation for the loss of a wage earner

It is a sad paradox of life that most of us are worth more dead than alive. Our insurance policies pay off all our debts, mortgage, and we lie in our graves solvent for the first time in our lives.

It has always been a maxim of the railways that "it is cheaper to kill than to maim". Certainly this was the case with Dr Lim who was awarded £254,765 against the Area Health Authority as compensation for personal injury. She went into a hospital for a minor operation but while still unconscious she suffered a cardiac arrest. Her brain was damaged beyond repair.

If Dr Lim had died under the operation, compensation would have been minimal. She had no relatives dependent on her so there would have been no payment under the Fatal Accidents Act. The only award to her estate would have been the conventional amount, usually less than £1,000, given for loss of expectation of life.

This means that insurance companies seldom have to pay out very much in respect of the death of a young person or child. Francesco Spitali, aged 14, was killed when the door of a parent's car opened, knocking him off his bicycle into the path of an oncoming lorry.

His parents were allowed just over £1,000 in the High Court against the motorist responsible for their son's death. The judge

was unable to speculate what the boy might have been when he grew up and how much he would have spent on his parents in their old age.

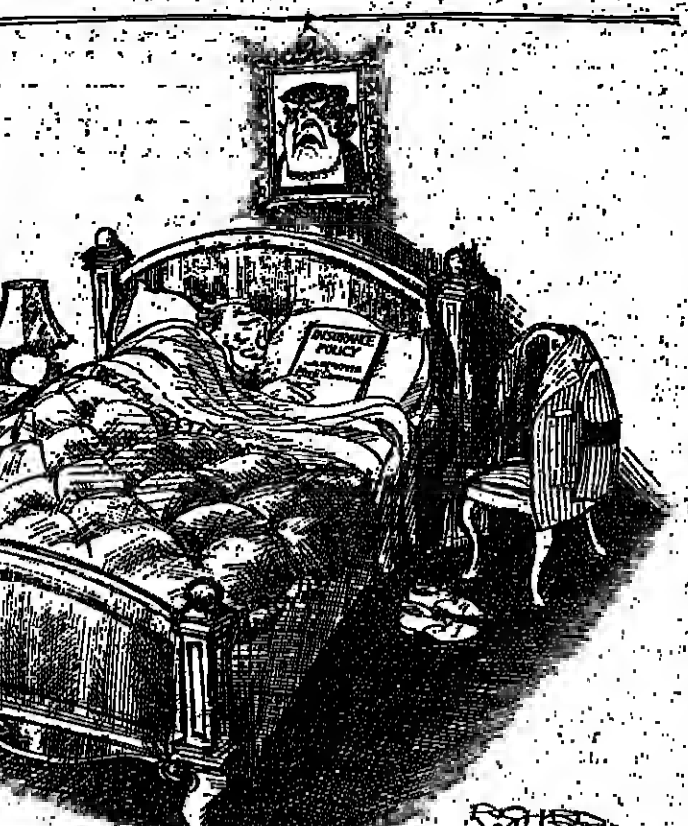
Usually where a young person is killed in an accident compensation is paid to the family. It is limited to what the child himself would have been awarded for pain and suffering.

However, where the person killed leaves dependants, very substantial sums can be awarded by the courts. A widow of a doctor killed in a car crash was awarded £115,000 for herself and her three children. The three teenage sons each received £5,000.

The Fatal Accidents Act protect a wide class of dependants whose wage earner has died as a result of someone's "wrongful act, neglect or default". Potential claimants extend to grandparents, uncles and aunts and their offsprings.

Relatives by marriage as well as by blood are allowed to claim but not a divorced wife although she is still financially dependent on the deceased. On the other hand, a husband can get compensation for the death of his wife in an accident on the ground that he has lost the value of her domestic services.

As wage earners how is a worth calculated in the event of accidental death in the prime of life? The basic factor judges take into account is their actual wages at the time. A multiplier



of annual earnings up to a maximum of 18 years is taken. Often the judge will fix a lesser number of years depending how close the deceased is to retirement.

For example, 10 years at £8,000 a year will give a lump sum compensation for the family of £80,000. Against this lump sum certain deductions must be calculated. For example, benefits which a wife and children would be expected to receive under a will or settlement must be taken into account.

Although technically a widow benefits on her husband's death by inheriting the home, judges now seldom make a deduction for this on the ground that she was enjoying it in any case and would have inherited it eventually.

The case of a family living entirely on investment income of the husband would be exceptional. On his death all his assets pass to his dependants. Consequently their position will not change on his death. Their only loss will be through capital transfer tax. Accordingly their claim is limited to the amount of tax payable on his death.

Since 1959, Parliament has ended all deductions on the ground that the relatives benefit from an insurance policy on the life of the deceased or in respect of the pension or gratuity received, say, from his employers.

In a recent case counsel for the insurance company unsuccessfully pointed out to the judge that if the court made a full award on the basis of his earning capacity, a widow would be better off financially than if her husband had survived to collect his pension.

Again, since 1977 nothing can be deducted from the award on the ground that the widow has remarried since her husband's death nor may any account be taken of her prospects of her remarriage. As was formerly done, the court is to take into account the earning capacity.

The policy of judges generally has been not to increase the sum awarded on account of inflation. "The right way to

Investor's week

Learning to live with the index

August is a wicked month, especially when it runs into September. When last month began the FT index was 495.5. Yesterday it closed at 498, a 15.4 drop on the week.

Some denounce this FT index of 30 leading companies because it is supposed to include too many laggards. For example, has slid on the Bimingham report on oil struggling into Rhodesia and the other day Blue Circle (remember Associated Portland Cement?) turned in poor profits.

By contrast, engineer and machine tool-maker John Brown has risen vertically since the beginning of August.

There is no completely accurate index of the stock market, and those who denounce the FT index of 30 stocks because it contains sleepy ones should ask themselves what an index is for.

If it stresses fast moving stocks it is no longer an index of the market, which almost by definition covers shares going up, down or sideways whatever the general trend. It becomes instead a growth portfolio.

No doubt the index wobbles on a particular day because one or some other stock has made it do so; but then a lot of people hold BP.

So this index is a rough and ready guide to the market; and the others are too, no more or less. What if anything is the index telling us now? Surely, that one should not buy or sell shares without good reason. Or, if one must, one should buy shares for their dividend income and sell them months, or perhaps years later. For such home shares are expensive. Once you have added no brokers' commissions, jobbers' "turns", stamp duty and so on, you can say as a rule of

MAIN CHANGES OF THE WEEK

Year's high	Year's low	Company	Change	Comment
372p	246p	Anglo Am Corp	9p to 342p	Bullion price
45p	24p	Compton, Sona	2p to 43p	Bid hopes
120p	85p	Higgins	12p to 120p	Cash payout hopes
215p	157p	Mat Wrightson	5p to 200p	Figures please
243p	158p	Newmark L	16p to 240p	Electronics stock
920p	720p	BP	30p to 870p	Bingham report
197p	128p	Stock J'sen	14p to 192p	US take over expected
384p	208p	ICI	14p to 270p	1984 competition fear
176p	128p	Unilever	15p to 147p	Growth halted
344p	186p	Racal	16p to 320p	Market trend

* Shares suspended Friday.

Sally Michael

Grouse

There is an admirable scheme for disabled drivers by which they put a yellow sticker on their windscreen and another on the back of their car. Should they park in a restricted zone, the local police can use their discretion and not charge them.

That is the problem with the scheme. Though most of the country's police forces recognize it, it is discretionary and not mandatory.

The argument goes that it cannot be the latter since even disabled drivers have been known to park where they might cause an obstruction, without a cause, and should be penalized for so doing.

Should the disabled driver park in a recognized parking bay, there would be no problem if the scheme had national legality.

But take the case of a London accountant who recently went on a trip to the West Country with his disabled wife.

They arrived at a prominent resort in a hired car with the yellow sticker on the windscreen and parked in a parking bay. Unfortunately, they overstayed the official time by an hour and the sticker became detached from the windscreen through the heat of the sun.

As a result, they face either a £6 parking fine or returning to the West Country to contest their case before the local magistrates. The police feel there is no way they can exercise an overriding discretion.

How much more simple it would be if the scheme was adopted nationally for the driver rather than the vehicle they were driving. If the invalid sticker then fell off, there could at least be no acceptable defence by return of post.

Unit trusts

A wide scope in high income funds

In recent years high income funds have been the bread and butter of the unit trust industry. In terms of attracting money this year they are second only to the specialist overseas trusts—mainly those invested in America—which have been performing well of late.

Demand for high income has encouraged more and more groups to introduce these types of funds into their range. So the investment area is now flooded with a choice of around 30 such trusts. With inflation at present running at an annual rate of below 8 per cent returns by some high income funds are attractive. This is especially true for investors at the lower end of the tax scale.

Performance of these funds has varied widely so far this year. Among the best performers are the two high income funds run by Britannia, the Allied Hambro High Yield fund and two trusts in the Henderson stable—High Income and Cahot Extra Income. The return on money invested at the beginning of this year in these trusts is over 15 per cent on the basis shown in the table.

To achieve high returns, trust managers often look to high yielding equities as one home for their funds. Such investments offer noholders the prospect of a growing yield over time as dividends are increased.

However, increased returns are not only achieved from rising dividends, but also because the underlying value of the units improves. Frequently, equities offering high yields are undervalued in terms of value and therefore offer prospects for capital growth.

Many holdings in smaller companies are often to be found in the portfolios of high income unit trusts. It is among this sector of the equity market that managers are likely to find adequate yields for the funds.

In recent months unitholders have benefited from the capital growth in these shares.

Smaller companies have performed better than their larger brethren, especially over the past year or so.

This is partly due to the fact that they were left behind in the share price recovery of larger companies in the last three years. One firm of stockbrokers has recently come to the conclusion that smaller companies will find it much more difficult to retain the edge over "blue chip" shares in the future.

Some managers, but by no means all, agree that this might be the case in the short term. Over the longer term, however, they feel that these stocks have a much greater potential for capital growth than their big brothers.

High income funds are often reared up with a certain percentage of preference shares in order to achieve a high yield.

As preference shares are fixed interest investments, there is negligible scope for increasing the income unless investments are switched. But they do have the advantage of offering a higher immediate yield than most equities.

It is well worth finding out exactly what proportion of the portfolio is invested in preference shares. During a rising equity market they tend to drag down the underlying value of the units.

In fact, some high income unit trusts are totally invested in preference shares and offer much higher yields than equity-based portfolios. For example, Arbutnot Preference is yielding 12.59 per cent, while Target Preference is slightly lower at 11.79 per cent.

However, performance of these funds has been poor this year. Reflecting a dis-

HIGH INCOME FUNDS OFFERED BY LARGEST UNIT TRUST GROUPS

Name	Size of fund 7 mths	% increase to August 1, 1978, on offer-to-offer price basis assuming no income reinvested over	Current yield 12/3/77
Allied High Income	£32m	12.9	34.2
Allied Hambro High Yield	£10m	15.8	45.5
Barclays Unicorn Extra Income	£42m	7.8	31.0
Britannia's Extra Income	£14m	17.0	36.8
Britannia National High Income	£23m	18.0	38.3
Hill Samuel High Yield	£14m	9.8	32.7
M & G Dividend	£100m	12.9	34.6
M & G Extra Yield	£34m	8.7	36.4
M & G High Income	£30m	10.3	40.4
Save & Prosper Income	£43m	7.5	28.4
Save & Prosper High Return	£31m	4.7	31.5
Save & Prosper High Yield	£45m	2.8	21.0
Save & Prosper Scotfield	£51m	5.2	22.3
F.T. All Shares Index		6.6	25.1
F.T. Industrial Ordinary Index		3.1	15.3

* Source—Planned Savings. Performance figures include estimated distribution for September.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

A quiet end to the account

STERLING RESERVE
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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Smith, Wedd
apply for
Amsterdam
membership

In a week which saw record daily turnover on the European Options Exchange, London's Smith, Wedd & Co. has applied for membership of the Amsterdam floor.

Mr David Heath, a director of Smith, Wedd & Co., said the firm was applying to run a small operation employing about four people.

Options

people but he pointed out that they would not be dealing in British based options.

Providing the London Stock Exchange council approves the two firms plan to start operating in Amsterdam within a couple of months and some in the City see the move as the first step towards future co-operation between the two options floors.

General interest on the EOE has been picking up lately with increasing activity in Dutch stocks and a further boost is expected soon from the recent decision to allow institutional investors to write and buy back options and attribute the derived earnings to the investment account for tax purposes.

In the London traded options floor, Marks & Spencer was the centre of attraction yesterday accounting for 135 of the 375 contracts.

The October 70 was unchanged at 15½ despite a reasonable trade while the lightweight January 80 shed 1½p to 8½p and October 90 lost 1½p to 2½p.

Among the conventional options First National Finance Corporation again saw considerable business in the 1992/97 bonds where traders uncertain of any future developments veered towards doubles. Jobo Laig ordinary and British Laig also saw some business.

MERGER, CLEARED

Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, has decided on the information at present before him, to refuse to refer the proposed merger between Beca Group and Scott & Bowne to the Monopolies Commission.

WOBCESTER CONTROL

BTR's \$48m bid for American Worcester Control Valve Corporation has been accepted, a share deal is being financed by \$30m cash and the balance to BTR shares. Worcester's pre-tax profits for the nine months to May 31, 1978, were \$6.4m.

THOMAS ROBINSON AND SON

Turnover for half year to June 30, £2.9m (£3.1m). Pre-tax profit, £301,000 (£364,000). Interim dividend is 1.28p (1.08p gross).

ERKINE HOUSE

Board announces it has entered into a conditional contract for sale of Michael White, theatricals and film production, for £250,000 cash. Purchaser is Circle Investments, a Cayman Islands corporation.

ARWOOD MACHINE TOOLS

Turnover £21,000 (£16,000) for year to March 31. Profit £18,000 (£12,000) after charges. Share of £23,000 (£12,000). Earnings per share, 1.1p (0.3p). Dividend 0.55p gross (0.37p).

RUSTENBURG PRICE RISE

Johnson Matthey announce that with immediate effect Rustenburg Platinum Mining's share price for platinum is increased to \$250.00 (£120.00) per oz. from previously \$240.00 per oz.

NORMAND ELECTRICAL

Normand Electrical Holdings has sold one of the group subsidiaries, Normand Electrical, to a Birmingham-based private company, Shalpin Engineering Ltd.

GRESHAM INDUSTRIES

Turnover for year to June 30, £23.9m (£20.7m). Pre-tax profit, £1.8m (£1.6m). Earnings per share, 5.2 pence (5.8 pence). Total dividend unchanged at 20 pence a share.

REED NAMPAK

Reed International's sale to Reed Bank Ltd, 63 per cent holding of the ordinary capital of Reed Nampak which was announced on August 7, 1978, has been completed. Reed has now received the purchase consideration of approximately £39m.

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank 10%
Barclays Bank 10%
BCCI Bank 10%
Consolidated Crdts 10%
C. Hoare & Co 10%
Lloyds Bank 10%
Midland Bank 10%
Nat Westminster 10%
Rosenstein 10%
TSB 10%
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Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

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Weekend

SHOP AROUND

Sheila Black

Greet your guests with water on the rocks by installing a glass-fibre rockery complete with miniature pool and fountain, and green with house plants. Although this waterfall, fountain and rockery are much in demand by hotels, offices, restaurants and others with reception areas, people with large enough homes are buying them for a living room or sun room. They could also be assembled on the terrace or patio but there might be drawbacks where leaves fall.

Like the Filtrajet, elsewhere on this page as a special offer, Aqua-Screen recycles the water and needs only very occasional topping up. The structure, of glass fibre, is realistically thick, especially when wet, and it is made of five sections which clip together to make the miniature mountain whole. Platforms to create the waterfall are cunningly set so that the water cascades evenly down the three tiers to the pool, in which a gilded mermaid sits with a

fountain spraying from her head. The glass fibre is the flat of York stone with a slightly rough-looking, craggy surface texture.

A lighting system is part of the complete kit—and this is really clever. The lights, with tiny long-life bulbs that merely push rather than screw home, are arranged so that they shine through little "windows" into which you slide filters of different colours to evoke mystery, sunning or cool depths. The lighting effects are very good.

The whole edifice is four by three feet and about 22 inches high at the tallest point. The reservoir holds three gallons and the pump is really silent, so that only the water gives its cool sounds. The structure incorporates firm holders for flower pots, so that houseplants build up the garden scene and keep moist the way they like it, by regular spraying from their leaves. Fish also love the pool. The transformer for the electricity makes the voltage safe. Incidentally,

sufferers from a number of ailments that get worse in dry atmospheres find they like sitting near these natural humidifiers.

There is no mess, no over-spill, no leaking—but it would be wise to seek advice if you hope to build this rockery on a carpet, because there just could be spills by the top-up. On balconies or small patios, they look charming, especially if visible from the room. At the top of the staircase, beneath a window, they look well in other-wise useless space. Devised, designed, planned and marketed by a man whose own business was something totally different and who simply loves waterfalls, they are sold complete (without plants but with absolutely everything else) for £198.50 including VAT. Delivery is usually six to eight weeks and assembly takes two or three minutes, no more. The address is: Aqua-Screen, Stylphons House, 120/132 Cricklewood Lane, London NW2 2DP (01-450 2111. Telex: 924020).



Softs bring the garden indoors for Christmas.

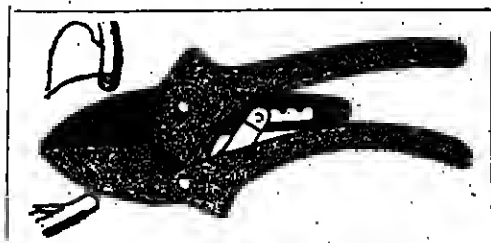
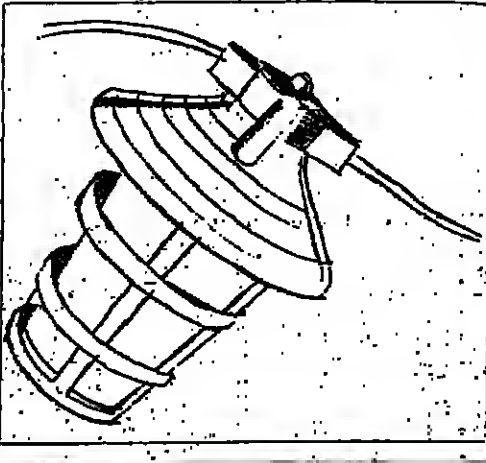
scents a room as houseplants never do and providing some welcome colour. They are not as easy to grow in bowls as most people think and good results do depend on the right preparation. Do's and don'ts are in a leaflet published by the Flowers and Plants Council, Agriculture House, Knightsbridge, London, SW1X 7NJ. Free on receipt of a small stamped, self-addressed envelope (the leaflet is just one sheet, printed both sides). For advice on weekly best buys in plants and flowers, plus some information on their care, dial 01-499 4191. The council is supported by growers, wholesalers and retailers of plants and flowers.

As a rule there are two distinct types of outdoor or patio lighting—one being decorative rather than illuminating and the other toning for relaxed enjoyment. A lady of great taste has been trying out some little lanterns, strung in parallel on a good heavy-duty cable—and is enthusiastic, more than somewhat. Tending to be modern in outlook, she thinks the lanterns are absolutely right and far from old-fashioned because their shape is traditional. There are lanterns set at nine metre intervals, in jewel colours with black caps above the "leaded" glass. The cable is so firm that it was delighted with its stability as she hung a moved the lighting about, a great contrast some of the festoons of lights she has tried rather than be hung where the owner wanders. Below wired in parallel, there is a problem about one dead bulb making the other nine dark.

Each bulb, of which replacements are at no electrician's shops, is 15 watts and Jeannen found that 150 watts a good light level in a very small patio—good but not intrusive. There is no need for a transformer; the lights are waterproofed and she describes them as well-enclosed. An extra five metres of cable should be long enough to reach the nearest indoor power point and the sets are made.

One set costs £12.90 plus £1 postage etc. Two sets are £24.80 and three £36 (postage paid). Festive, safe, functional and pretty all at the same time, as well as reasonably priced, and ideal for a garden whether or not they hang near the fountains.

Orders to: Fleishoe Supplies, Mail Order House, 124 Cricklewood Broadway, London, NW2.

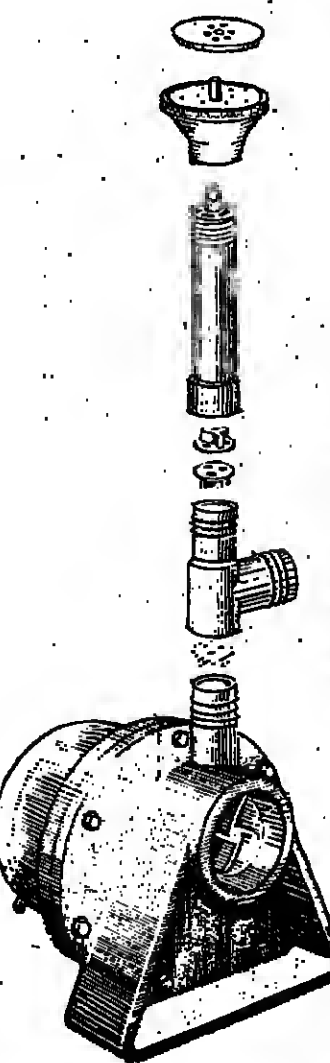


The autumn pruning is all it should be with the Florian ratchet pruner which adjusts itself, ratchet-wise, for a thin stem or a 1-inch branch. It takes the hard work out of the job for the elderly, those with weak hands or for people afraid of the sharp, pinching nips some security inflicts. Very lightweight at only four ounces, Florian is in a sea-green colour with tempered steel blades coated with Teflon for easy cleaning. Light pressure gives a clean cut because the ratchet "multiplies" the power—instead of exerting manual pressure, all the user need do is to squeeze the handles gently once, twice or three times in bring the next "cog" of the ratchet into play. My own pair has lasted me well for nearly six years and I was disappointed to find they seemed to have disappeared from the market a few years ago. I rediscovered them as a mail order line from Stratos Imports, 66/68 Harford Road, London N1 5AE, the firm which sells the strong, burglar-alarm door chains that readers were buying recently, £5.25 plus 25p.

Along with millions of other people, I love the sound of water. So I had a happy time experimenting with a new discovery for me, the Proops Filtrajet, a compact, pump-combination fountain which even the most ham-fisted handy persons can assemble easily.

I spoke to Roy May about it—he had already arranged for it to be offered to Times readers through Selective Marketplace.

His friend, who runs a business that distributes garden accessories, confirmed that Filtrajet was every bit as good as we both thought it and that, out of more than 200 sold over the past year, not one had been returned—and not one customer had found a single thing of which to complain.



We also agreed that this is the time to do construction work in the garden, when there is little else but harvesting and tidying-up to be done among the plants. Roy commented that, all too often, gardeners leave their building work until spring when plants are hard taskmasters and there is neither time nor energy to make pools for fountains.

The Proops pump-fountain works on a recirculating system. You do not need a continuous water supply, just an ordinary garden hose to top up the pool from time to time, as evaporation lowers the water level. It works on electricity, and the kit comes complete with the nearest little transformer you can imagine, and with 25 feet of outdoor cable to hide or bury.

To be able to reuse the same water over and over again is obviously a first-class idea—but the Filtrajet has more to recommend it. It has a fountain-head with varying patterns, achieved by using punched plastic discs to give wider or narrower, finer or more robust sprays. Alternatively, it can become a waterfall, or a combination of both, since a flow dividing unit clips into the general pump assembly to allow the trickle of water down a rockery or from little rock platforms, while the fountain sprays on. Do remember if you are running any water out of the pool and into surrounding flowerbeds that the pool will need more frequent topping-up.

For anyone still unimpressed by its versatility, the Filtrajet is also a pool filter. A tough plastic cylinder clips on to the side of the pump and holds a large spongy mass of polyurethane foam—a material which has been specially developed to minimize the restriction on the flow while still filtering effectively. The mass, which is the filter, can be cleaned under the tap. Thus the pool will be good for fish or plant life and the plastic pump is itself of an inert material, so there is no possibility of contamination by metal or, indeed, by anything at all.

The height and diameter of the jet and spray are adjustable, but Filtrajet can lift water up to 4 feet high. The probable minimum diameter is about two feet, so it is suitable for small pools. It can even work without the display—fountain-heads; the water shoots from the nozzle-head in four largish jets.

The motor has long-life components of the type used for ships' propeller shafts; it is capable of pumping 300 gallons of water per hour. The transformer converts the voltage to a low, safe 24 volts.

Dress the pool with rocks and such, but be careful not to block up the filter's entrance. The pump, complete with fountain shaft, needs to be in a depth of about nine inches though, if you do not mind the sight of the shaft itself, seven would be enough—and you could even manage with six. The waterfall alone needs no more than six feet—the point is to cover the pump and filter at all times. The height of the fountain shaft can be slightly varied, too.

The whole thing carries a year's guarantee and the instructions are good and detailed. I did find it difficult to press the display discs into the fountain head and finally did this job by soaking the plastic discs in hot water to make them a little more pliable (not boiling water, please).

There may be some who worry about "wasting" even as little water as is used by the recycling Filtrajet; to those people I would just say that the "wasted" water is no more than the surrounding plants would be given from a hose or watering can in any case, probably rather less. Devotees of hydroponics are very keen on the waterfall for their soil-less culture of plants, as are large waterers and lovers of rock plants that can so quickly come parched. For under £30 this is not only a bargain but a genuine pleasure to usually retail at around £35 or a little more. VAT and postage are included, of course.

Glass bricks are nothing new, but had you realized how few have ever been brick-shaped? Round, square, knobby, anything but like the familiar brick with the indentation in the top where the mortar lies to be bonded to the next brick. Peter Fleming has always loved bricks of any kind. When he also came to love glass he developed Brick-a-Brack, ornamental glass bricks which are being used singly for a number of other purposes. The ashtray, for indoors or out but ideal for garden or patio, is a popular one, being a single brick sold by mail for £4.50 (including postage and VAT, etc.). They are tough, these bricks, and almost bounce if dropped on a normal floor. Not having tried them on concrete, I can say nothing about that; but one man, who was fitting them for the current display in Birmingham of outdoor furniture and accessories at the Ideal Home Exhibition, swears that they will stand up to that too.

People are also using them as doorstops, giant paperweights or just as objects to look at. In fact Brick-a-Brack's maker is producing one as a low-power table lamp in yellow, blue or green at £9.50 each and one as a digital clock (£17.50) which I confess to not having seen as yet. There is even to be a brick jewelry—pendants, earrings, bracelet charms and such in gold or silver bricks at anything from £2.50 to £95, according to what you want or can afford.

All of which may be fun but is becoming rather irrelevant as patio talk, so back to proper glass bricks, which I fear would make such good windshields for the ends of terraces or patios.

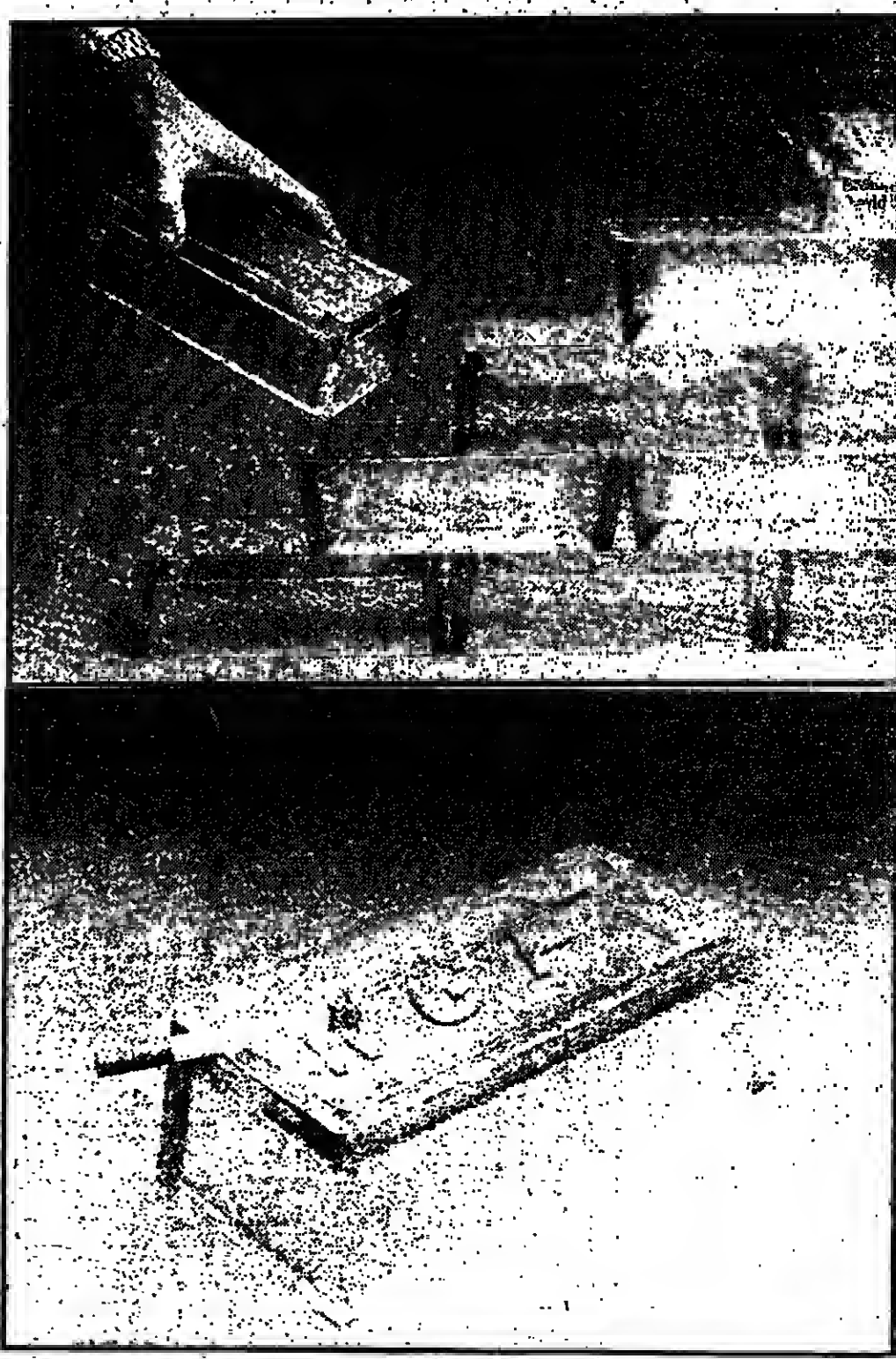
These glass bricks cost about £1.50 each, more than good quality ordinary brick. The installation is a good deal quicker and simpler—possibly therefore cheaper—using only a special adhesive rather than cement and sand (and the hire of a mixer or someone to do the mixing). The first layer is laid to the usual way, as in the photograph, but the second is laid upside down. The third back to normal, the fourth upside down again, and so on, as you work to the top. Adhesive is spread, only along the edges that make contact, by means of a special ultraviolet light-ray tool which ensures straightness.

The tool can be hired by DIY enthusiasts—but the results will probably be better if the Brick-a-Brack people themselves arrange the installation, which they do for some part of the country (given a little time, because they cannot have the right specialists everywhere or once). Steel rods may be necessary for some constructions; and deliveries of 500 or more are free.

While patio screens seem an ideal application, especially as they are unlikely to need too many bricks, try them also for partial room dividers, fronts for light recesses, and fillers for small windows which, for security or other reasons, are not intended to be opened. The patio screens would look nice with occasional coloured glass brick let in here and there; or with the red light brick, its wiring concealed in the brickwork; or just as they are, plain and clean. There will always be a V-shaped gap because the bricks are not straight-sided but these give a good screen effect and let air through for plants and humans while holding high winds at bay.

Companies could build the occasional glass brick into the front of the building, in such a way that its name and address could be in the wall itself but show through. A lighted brick could carry the name of the house (or its number). A colourful screen could draught-proof a receptionist's desk yet leave a view of the door. Meanwhile buy one brick and think about what to do with a whole lot of them, remembering that the colours can be bright and lustrous. The £4.50 brick is identical with its nearest, 8 by 4 by 2 1/2 inches, weighing 3lb. Hand-poured, it is pressed into soft flint glass which gives a kind of mottled, slightly frosted finish.

If within striking distance of Birmingham, see the display at the Ideal Home Exhibition in the National Exhibition Centre. Or write for details to WGP (whose initials are on every brick), 74 Green Lane, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands B73 5JL (021-352 0400). There will, however, be only a skeleton staff until September 9, when the exhibition closes, so be a little patient or try ringing the NEC stand and ask for Peter Fleming (021-780 2495).



Cushions for garden chairs or hammocks

would look terrific made of Fiska's pure cotton furnishing fabric which features a tiger stalking through a jungle of bamboo and leaves—all in lovely teeny colours yet still washable. Cotton may lack the sexiness of Elinor Glyn's tiger skin but it cannot offend conservationists and does not encourage erotic behaviour on the patio, which it merely decorates. The same material is a good for curtains and bedcovers too, costing about £11.50 the metre (128/30 cms wide) at most department stores. Stores which stock Fiska also operate a made-to-measure service that really does get curtains back in three weeks. Fiska is by Christian Fischbacher (London), Threeways House, 40/44 Clapham Street, London, W1P 8AL.



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